

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of Prairie Grove Baptist Church in  
2 Limestone County are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their  
3 church's founding on May 5, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, Considered the oldest church in the county, Prairie  
5 Grove Baptist was founded in 1869 and today is a member of the  
6 Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; and

7           WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the dedicated  
8 efforts of a number of clergymen, and that tradition continues  
9 today under Pastor Clifton Jones, who has guided the church for more  
10 than two decades; his predecessor served for nearly four decades,  
11 and congregants fondly recall the leadership of Pastor Lester  
12 Roloff, who began his career in the ministry at Prairie Grove and  
13 returned for its 100th homecoming in 1969; and

14           WHEREAS, Since its inception, the house of worship has  
15 provided a nurturing environment for families; its current  
16 membership of nearly 300 people includes 10 couples who have been  
17 married over a half century, and one of those has shared a  
18 fulfilling relationship of more than 70 years; and

19           WHEREAS, Generations of Mexia-area residents have looked to  
20 Prairie Grove Baptist Church for spiritual enrichment and guidance,  
21 and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church at this special  
22 time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Prairie

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1 Grove Baptist Church and extend to the congregation sincere best  
2 wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship; and, be  
3 it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1254 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House