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By:  Bell of Kaufman H.R. No. 73

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The members of the First Baptist Church of Kaufman are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their church's founding in 2021; and

WHEREAS, The church was organized on November 5, 1871, by elder J. B. Daniel and the Reverend A. D. Manion, with nine charter members; the congregation met in private residences or other sites until 1883, when a small white frame church with a steeple was erected; the original building was eventually replaced by a brick structure, which was later destroyed by a fire in 1937; another building was dedicated in 1944, and the present campus was established in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the First Baptist Church of Kaufman has benefited from the dedicated efforts of a number of outstanding pastors, including Dr. Brent Gentzel and Dr. Pablo Juarez, who lead the congregation today; and

WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and great love for their neighbors, the members of this notable house of worship have established a variety of commendable ministries and initiatives that foster friendship, offer help to those in need, and work for the common good of their city and our state; and

WHEREAS, The First Baptist Church of Kaufman has long served as a source of inspiration, encouragement, and guidance to Kaufman County and all those who worship there, and its continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Kaufman and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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