R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The members of St. John Baptist Church in Grand
2 Prairie are celebrating the 100th anniversary of their church's
3 founding on July 18, 2021; and

4   WHEREAS, This venerable institution can trace its origins
5 back to July 1921, when a group of 13 charter members formed a
6 fellowship in Dalworth; after holding services at Evening Chapel
7 African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Dalworth School,
8 St. John established its own sanctuary in an old store building on
9 El Paso Street in Grand Prairie; the church eventually moved to a
10 location on West Jefferson Street, where it has remained ever
11 since; to meet the needs of its growing congregation, the church
12 completed a number of renovations and expansions and opened a
13 second campus in Southlake; and

14   WHEREAS, Since its founding, St. John has benefited from the
15 dedicated efforts of many outstanding clergy, including its
16 inaugural pastor, the Reverend W. Scott, and the Reverend Denny
17 Dwight Davis, who has led the congregation since 1991; united by
18 their shared faith and strong traditions, the church's members have
19 established a variety of commendable programs that foster
20 fellowship and offer help to those in need; and

21   WHEREAS, Countless area residents have looked to St. John
22 Baptist Church for spiritual guidance over the years, and it is a
23 pleasure to join in honoring the church at this special milestone in
24 its history; now, therefore, be it

1   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2   Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of St. John
3   Baptist Church and extend to its members sincere best wishes for the
4   future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 936

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Speaker of the House

    I certify that H.R. No. 936 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House