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H.C.R. No. 129

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For a century, families have come together to  
2 worship at Austin Oaks Church, and the congregation is celebrating  
3 the 100th anniversary of the church's founding in 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Swedish Evangelical Free  
5 Church of Austin, this venerable house of worship was formed on  
6 August 16, 1925, as part of the Evangelical Free Churches, a  
7 movement established by Swedish immigrants; its first sanctuary was  
8 located in downtown Austin, and services were conducted entirely in  
9 Swedish until the decision was made to transition to English in the  
10 late 1930s; and

11 WHEREAS, The church relocated twice during the decades that  
12 followed, eventually settling on a campus off of Monterey Oaks  
13 Boulevard in southwest Austin in 2002; it went on to adopt its  
14 current name, Austin Oaks Church, in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, the congregation has benefited from  
16 the dedicated efforts of many outstanding pastors, and today that  
17 tradition of service is continued by lead pastor Brandon Zieske and  
18 executive pastor BJ Forguson; under their leadership, Austin Oaks  
19 offers a wide variety of ministries for members seeking to deepen  
20 their faith and become more involved in church life, including  
21 groups for men, women, and young adults, Spanish-language services,  
22 and global and community outreach programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Generations of Texans have looked to Austin Oaks  
24 Church for spiritual guidance and inspiration, and it is a pleasure

1 to join in recognizing the steadfast faith and commitment of those  
2 who have sustained the church's vital mission for the past century;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Austin Oaks Church and  
6 extend to its congregation sincere best wishes for a meaningful and  
7 memorable celebration of this significant milestone; and, be it  
8 further

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