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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Trinity Episcopal Church in Pharr on the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church was established in 1925 and held its first worship service at the Pharr City Hall under the direction of Rev. R. O. MacIntosh; the church building was constructed in 1927, and that same year, Rev. Samuel Capers assumed leadership of the parish; and

WHEREAS, The church's longest serving rector, W. W. Stewart, began guiding the church in March of 1939; during his four decades of service, the church constructed a children's chapel, and Gothic-style stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary and are still displayed and treasured today; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church has undertaken many worthy projects that have benefited the community, including creating the Pharr Emergency Food Pantry in 1978, which inspired the establishment of the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, Trinity Episcopal Church has been a spiritual refuge for innumerable Christians, and it upholds its enduring mission of service through the leadership of Rev. Canon Sharon Alexander, the church's first woman rector; it is truly fitting that the church receive special recognition on reaching this remarkable milestone in its history; now,

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therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and congregants of Trinity Episcopal Church on the joyous occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.