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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Buchanan First Baptist Church of  
2 Texarkana celebrated the 100th anniversary of their church's  
3 founding on March 30, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the oldest churches in Bowie County, Buchanan  
5 First Baptist Church traces its origins to 1925, when a group of 14  
6 charter members gathered in a private home to organize a new church;  
7 the congregation originally worshiped out of a one-room sanctuary,  
8 which subsequently underwent a number of additions and renovations  
9 and was relocated to South Lake Drive in 1947; the membership held  
10 the first services in the current church building on Buchanan Loop  
11 Road in August 1995; in order to meet the needs of the growing  
12 congregation, a family life and education center were added nearly  
13 a decade later; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its organization, Buchanan First Baptist  
15 Church has benefited from the dedicated efforts of many outstanding  
16 members of the clergy, including Pastor Rick Rothwell, who has led  
17 the congregation for the past four years; and

18 WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions,  
19 the members of this notable house of worship have established a  
20 variety of commendable programs that foster fellowship and offer  
21 help to those in need, including ministries for men, women, youth,  
22 and the elderly; and

23 WHEREAS, Countless residents of the Texarkana area have  
24 looked to Buchanan First Baptist Church for spiritual guidance over

1 the years, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church at  
2 this special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
4 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Buchanan First Baptist  
5 Church in Texarkana and extend to its members sincere best wishes  
6 for the future; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 Senate.