**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOR THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR COMMUNITY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS OF GIVING HOPE AND PROCLAIM JULY 28, 2015 AS “INMAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAY”.

Whereas, only a few months after President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated and the Civil War came to an end, a presbytery met, consisting of J.G. Landrum, T.J. Earle, and the elders of New Prospect, Mount Zion, and Holly Springs Churches. With nineteen charter members, the group formed Mount Calvary Baptist Church on July 28, 1865; and

Whereas, the church retained the name Mount Calvary until March 1904 when the congregation voted to change its name to First Baptist Church of Inman. In November 1905, the name was again changed to Inman Baptist Church until it later became known as First Baptist Church in 1915; and

Whereas, as members searched for a permanent building site, William Gowan offered the church five acres of land for purchase, which is the present site of the church. For one hundred dollars, the church received a title to the property and a small wooden building was used for meetings until a brick structure was erected in 1896; and

Whereas, the church continued to grow, and in 1941 a parsonage was built, followed by a fellowship hall in 1948. In 1959, educational facilities were built, and in 1981, the current Family Life Center was built. In 1997 the current church building, with new offices, a new fellowship hall, an atrium, and classroom space was added to the complex; and

Whereas, the church’s congregation continues to be active and enthusiastic members of their community; and

Whereas, Inman First Baptist Church will celebrate its one hundred fiftieth anniversary on July 28, 2015. The celebration will draw old, current and new members to Inman to celebrate the life of their church. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, commend the members of Inman First Baptist Church for their unwavering commitment, dedication and contributions to their community in recognition of their one hundred fifty years of giving hope, and proclaim July 28, 2015 as “Inman First Baptist Church Day”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Paul Moore, Pastor, Inman First Baptist Church.

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