

## House Resolution No. 2381

**Whereas**, Second Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City was founded by Dr. Donald D. Ford with the help of four followers on February 26, 1978; and

**Whereas**, richly blessed by God for its ministry in the area, Second Missionary Baptist Church held Sunday services in the lower level of what is now Bank Midwest at Harry Truman Drive and South 71 Highway and a weekly Bible study in the home of Pastor Donald Ford on Wednesday evenings; and

**Whereas**, when Second Missionary Baptist Church was officially organized as a church on April 15, 1978, it became the first predominantly African-American church to be located south of 75th Street in the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

**Whereas**, until it was blessed with a permanent location, the Second Missionary Baptist Church congregation held worship services at several other temporary locations in Grandview, including Grandview West Junior High School gymnasium and cafeteria, Grandview School Board Library Building, Grandview High School Auditorium, and Gospel Fellowship Church; and

**Whereas**, the faith seed of Second Missionary Baptist Church was manifested in the purchase of land at 5111 Harry Truman Drive and the ensuing construction of the first phase of its complex, now known as “The Chapel”, in May 1986; and

**Whereas**, Second Missionary Baptist Church continued its endeavors to nurture souls for Christ and to fulfill the Lord’s work in the community, and with the Lord continuing to add to the church, the decision was made to return to Grandview High School in March 1995 for one unified service instead of accommodating the growth of three Sunday morning worship services; and

**Whereas**, Second Missionary Baptist Church completed construction of its present worship home in the multipurpose Family Life Center on August 17, 1997, and is currently making plans for the final phase of its building complex; and

**Whereas**, Second Missionary Baptist Church continues to be a catalyst in the community as God has ordained it to be, teaching and preaching in a dying world about a living God who can do anything but fail:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar history of spiritual leadership illustrated in the work of Second Missionary Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the twenty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of their institution; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Second Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael R. Brown  
District No. 50

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2381, adopted April 20, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker