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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 100 years, residents of the Bryan-College  
2 Station area have come together to celebrate their faith at  
3 A&M United Methodist Church; and

4           WHEREAS, The Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal  
5 Church sent its first representative, the Reverend King Vivion, to  
6 the area in 1920 to establish a church at the Texas A&M campus; land  
7 was purchased across from the campus, and the church was officially  
8 established on February 23, 1923; a tabernacle was erected to serve  
9 as a sanctuary and church school building; over the years, the  
10 congregation flourished, and in 1946, an educational building was  
11 added, followed in 1951 by a new sanctuary, complete with stained  
12 glass windows honoring World War I and World War II service members;  
13 in 1987, a pipe organ was installed in the chancel, and the growing  
14 church acquired additional properties and constructed a Christian  
15 Life Center; and

16           WHEREAS, Since its inception, A&M United Methodist Church has  
17 played a vital role in the university community, providing members  
18 with myriad opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and  
19 outreach; in addition, the church helped to organize other area  
20 churches, including Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Christ  
21 Church; and

22           WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able  
23 leadership of a number of dedicated pastors, and today that  
24 tradition of service is continued by W. Preston Greenwaldt; and

1           WHEREAS, A&M United Methodist Church has long served as a  
2 source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and  
3 its continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment  
4 of its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be  
5 it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of A&M United  
8 Methodist Church and extend to the congregation sincere best wishes  
9 for the future; and, be it further

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