

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist  
2 Church in Dallas are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their  
3 church's founding in 2023; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1933, the congregation was organized as St. Paul  
5 Mission Church by ministers from St. Paul United Methodist Church  
6 downtown, who recognized a need in East Dallas; the first small  
7 structure built by members was destroyed by a fire in 1941, but four  
8 years later, they completed a new red brick sanctuary on Wahoo  
9 Street and Spring Avenue; and

10           WHEREAS, The congregation became St. Luke Methodist Church  
11 in the late 1950s; it moved to its present-day campus in 1974, under  
12 the leadership of longtime pastor Zan W. Holmes Jr., who also added  
13 the word "Community" to its name; in 2017, St. Luke transferred its  
14 old Wahoo Street property to the Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Community  
15 Outreach Center to support its good works; and

16           WHEREAS, Since July 2020, the church has been ably guided by  
17 senior pastor Richie Butler; he worked tirelessly to maintain the  
18 congregation's cohesion during the upheaval of the COVID-19  
19 pandemic and following major storm damage to the church in spring  
20 2021; while repairs were underway, Highland Park United Methodist  
21 Church shared its facilities; and

22           WHEREAS, St. Luke sponsors a variety of initiatives  
23 benefiting the wider community, including donations of food and  
24 clothing, eviction prevention, and emergency and temporary

1 shelter; it has partnered with Harvest Project to distribute fresh  
2 fruits and vegetables and with Project Unity to offer COVID-19  
3 vaccinations and testing; moreover, it assists children of  
4 incarcerated parents and youth in foster care; and

5 WHEREAS, For nine decades, St. Luke has provided area  
6 residents with opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and  
7 community outreach, and its continued existence is a tribute to the  
8 unwavering commitment of its members, both past and present; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate St. Luke "Community" United  
12 Methodist Church on its 90th anniversary and extend to its members  
13 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.

Jones of Dallas  
Bowers  
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H.R. No. 244

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 244 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House