

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 175 years, residents of Nacogdoches have come
2 together to celebrate their faith at Christ Episcopal Church; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the oldest Protestant churches in the area,
4 Christ Episcopal Church was first organized in April 1848 as Christ
5 Church Nacogdoches; the congregation held its inaugural worship
6 service in the local courthouse on June 14 and began construction on
7 a wood frame church building three years later; the church
8 relocated to a brick chapel that it built on the Nacogdoches
9 University campus at the turn of the century, and that structure was
10 later moved to land adjacent to what was then Stephen F. Austin
11 State Teachers College; over the years, the building has undergone
12 a number of additions and renovations, and a parish house was added
13 in 1947; that same year, the church established Christ Episcopal
14 School, the first Protestant private school in the city; and

15 WHEREAS, The congregation has benefited from the able
16 leadership of many dedicated pastors, and today that tradition of
17 service is continued by the Reverend Karl E. Griswold-Kuhn; and

18 WHEREAS, Christ Episcopal Church has long served as a source
19 of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its
20 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of
21 its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of Christ
24 Episcopal Church in Nacogdoches and extend to the congregation

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1 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Christ Episcopal Church as an expression of high
4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1075 was adopted by the House on April 20, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House