

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 377**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas on the occasion of its 90th anniversary, which will be celebrated on April 30, 2023, and will continue to be observed throughout 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church was established in 1933 with the help and guidance of members and leaders of the historic Saint Paul Methodist Church in downtown Dallas; originally known as the Saint Paul Mission Church, the new congregation was founded in an effort to develop a methodist church in the East Dallas community; and

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1930s, the church's congregation transitioned from meeting in a small storefront building to holding services in a structure they built together; after a fire destroyed the building in 1941, church members gathered for services in the home of a member of the congregation until repairs and construction of the building were completed in 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, The church was renamed Saint Luke Methodist Church in the 1950s, and under the leadership of Reverend Zan W. Holmes Jr., who served as pastor from 1974 until 2002, the church moved to its present-day location and added the word "Community" to its name to reflect its commitment to serving others; and

**WHEREAS**, Once the smallest church in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church has grown in members as well as in its

ministry and church facilities; through the dedicated efforts of its members and leaders throughout the years, the church has developed a global missionary presence, a powerful worship ministry, and a community outreach program committed to serving the people of East Dallas, and it is indeed fitting that the church receive special recognition on its 90th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend the clergy and congregates of Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church and extend to all best wishes as they commemorate their church's 90th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate