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H.R. No. 139

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On September 28, 2003, Pastor R. Beicke and the
2 members of St. John Lutheran Church in Thorndale are celebrating
3 the church's 100th year of service to the community; and

4 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. August Wenzel, former district
5 president of the Southern District, ALC, is involved in the special
6 morning service, while three former pastors of the church--the
7 Reverends Walter Miller, Mary Kaiser, and Al Hoerig, Jr.--are
8 participants in the afternoon song and praise worship; and

9 WHEREAS, The congregation was formally organized on December
10 26, 1903, although services had been held in Detmold as far back as
11 January 1902; initially, the Thorndale congregation was part of a
12 three-community parish, including Bushdale and Sharp, served by
13 Bushdale pastor Carl Roth, who was instrumental in the founding of
14 St. John Lutheran Church; and

15 WHEREAS, A parsonage-chapel was built in 1909 in Thorndale,
16 and the first church building was constructed in 1915 in Detmold;
17 after it underwent remodeling in 1933 and in 1951, the congregation
18 decided to relocate the entire church to Thorndale in 1959, and a
19 new edifice was dedicated in 1963 at 315 N. Sixth Street; and

20 WHEREAS, Blessed with warm fellowship and inspirational
21 teaching, St. John Lutheran Church remains a tribute to the
22 commitment of its members, who have given generously of their time,
23 energy, and financial resources to ensure that it continues to
24 thrive as a house of worship; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Pastor R.
3 Beicke and the members of St. John Lutheran Church on the joyous
4 occasion of the church's centennial celebration and extend to all
5 those involved sincere best wishes for a memorable and fulfilling
6 observance; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.