

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 261

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The congregation of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran  
2 Church in La Grange marked the centennial of the church's founding  
3 on September 14, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, Festivities included the presentation of a drama, "A  
5 Centennial Journey," and a special hymn sung by the choir, "The Gift  
6 of Music," arranged by Scott McNulty; a centennial gift project  
7 will benefit a number of worthy efforts at the church and locally,  
8 including a scholarship fund and the historical preservation of the  
9 church; and

10           WHEREAS, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded on  
11 September 13, 1903; Pastor Robert Heise and Benno Harigel, Frank  
12 Reichert, Herman Hackebeil, G. Tiemann, Henry Speckels, Reinhold  
13 Schmidt, Otto Stolz, Otto Amberg, Otto Moellenberndt, A. Balzer, F.  
14 Schulz, H. Schuster, Gerhard Speckels, and C. Kaiser were present  
15 at the establishment; and

16           WHEREAS, For the first few years, Reverend Heise conducted  
17 Lutheran services in German on the second and fourth Sundays of the  
18 month at the Presbyterian church; services in English were added  
19 periodically in 1918, and in 1949, regular German language services  
20 came to a close; and

21           WHEREAS, The church's first structure was built in the 100  
22 block of South Jefferson and Crockett; today, the church home is  
23 located on Walnut Street between South Jefferson and South  
24 Washington; from the Frauen Verein organized by the ladies of the

1 church in the early days to provide supplies and improvements in  
2 behalf of the church, the church's ministries and programs have  
3 expanded through the decades to meet the practical and spiritual  
4 needs of its members and residents of the wider community; and

5 WHEREAS, For 100 years, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6 has remained a sanctuary of strength, comfort, and inspiration, and  
7 it is a distinct pleasure to join in celebrating its centennial of  
8 faithful service; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of  
11 St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church on the joyous occasion of the  
12 church's 100th anniversary and extend to them best wishes for the  
13 future; and, be it further

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