

By: Hopson

H.R. No. 132

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The First United Methodist Church of Carthage is
2 commemorating its sesquicentennial on October 9, 2005, and the
3 event promises to be a memorable one for all concerned, filled with
4 prayer, reflection, and celebration; and

5 WHEREAS, Organized in 1855, the congregation began
6 constructing a frame building before the Civil War, and it was
7 completed 11 years later by volunteers, following their return from
8 the war; often shared with other denominations as well, the
9 building was replaced with a larger facility on the same property in
10 1902, and the new building served the congregation until 1942, when
11 the present church home was completed; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, First United Methodist
13 Church has expanded its physical plant and offerings to keep pace
14 with the changing needs of the community it serves; today, the
15 church's active membership is led by Dr. Gary Fitzgerald and the
16 Reverend Don Scott, and congregants may participate in several
17 groups and activities, including United Methodist Men, United
18 Methodist Women, Keenagers for retired and semiretired
19 individuals, MaTCH for teenagers, and a club for children who are
20 age 12 and younger; and

21 WHEREAS, For 150 years, First United Methodist Church has
22 remained a tribute to the commitment of its members, past and
23 present, who have given generously of their time, energy, and
24 financial resources to ensure its continued existence as a house of

1 worship; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 150th
4 anniversary of the founding of the First United Methodist Church of
5 Carthage and extend to its clergy and members best wishes for a
6 meaningful 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.