

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 796

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Beaumont on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, which is being celebrated May 27 and 28, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Westminster Presbyterian Church was established on February 28, 1880, when Beaumont had just 2,000 residents; the church today serves a city that has a population of 110,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, the church has undertaken many worthy projects in the community; it has played a significant role in establishing such ministries as Some Other Place, Baby Red Birds Day School at Lamar University, the International Seafarers' Center, and the Prison Visitation Ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, The church has been instrumental in the organization of a number of other churches in the southeast Texas area, including Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, the First Presbyterian Church in Silsbee, the First Presbyterian Church in Vidor, and the Pioneer Presbyterian Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the guidance and wise stewardship of its pastors and the outstanding leadership of its current pastor, Carol J. Tompkins, Westminster Presbyterian Church has ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of countless Christians; and

**WHEREAS**, The celebration of its 125th anniversary is an expression of the church's enduring commitment to its holy mission and its dedication to tradition and unity among Christians; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Beaumont on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and extend to its members best wishes for a joyous anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as a memento of this occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate