

By: Jackson

H.R. No. 1441

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Christ United Methodist Church in
2 Farmers Branch are observing the 50th anniversary of the church's
3 founding during 2007 with special events throughout the year; and

4 WHEREAS, The church traces its roots back to the fall of 1956,
5 when a small group of area residents initiated steps to establish a
6 house of worship in this rapidly growing region of Dallas County; on
7 January 6, 1957, 44 people attended the church's first service,
8 which was held at Valwood Elementary School, and by Easter Sunday,
9 the number of charter members had grown to 135; and

10 WHEREAS, The Reverend Bourdon Smith ably guided the church as
11 its original pastor, and through the years, his legacy of inspired
12 leadership has been continued by other highly regarded members of
13 the clergy, including the church's current minister, Dr. Vic Casad;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The church facilities have undergone numerous
16 expansions and improvements since the beginning, and today, the
17 1,450 members of the congregation support an array of ministries
18 and programs for residents of Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Coppell,
19 Lewisville, and the greater Northwest Dallas area; and

20 WHEREAS, For half a century, Christ United Methodist Church
21 has provided steadfast spiritual and moral guidance to the
22 community it serves, and its continued existence is a tribute to the
23 commitment and faith of its members, both past and present; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate all those associated with Christ
3 United Methodist Church on the 50th anniversary of the church's
4 founding and extend to them sincere best wishes for the coming
5 years; and, be it further

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