

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of First United Methodist Church of Uvalde  
2 are celebrating the church's sesquicentennial on April 22, 2007;  
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4           WHEREAS, Established in 1857, the church relied on itinerant  
5 preachers known as circuit riders during its early years; those  
6 devoted individuals, including H. G. Horton, braved the frontiers  
7 in order to preach to fellow Christians in outlying towns; circuit  
8 riders were also called upon to perform baptisms, conduct marriage  
9 ceremonies, and administer last rites when necessary; and

10          WHEREAS, The first church building was constructed on Garden  
11 Street around 1859-1860; fire is thought to have destroyed that  
12 building, and a new structure was built on Getty Street to take the  
13 place of the original; by 1889, the church was well established,  
14 with 100 members sharing in faith and fellowship and no longer  
15 dependent on the efforts of circuit riders; and

16          WHEREAS, Shortly after the turn of the century, the church  
17 moved in order to accommodate its growing congregation; land was  
18 purchased in 1907 and construction began the following year, and  
19 the new church building at the corner of High and Oak Streets was  
20 dedicated in 1913; and

21          WHEREAS, First United Methodist Church of Uvalde has  
22 continued to experience growth and change in the ensuing years,  
23 including the addition of a new fellowship hall and kitchen in 1950,  
24 the chartering of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and the

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1 construction of the Christian Life Center in 1993; today, the  
2 church is home to more than 700 members; and

3 WHEREAS, For 150 years, First United Methodist Church of  
4 Uvalde has met the spiritual needs of its members, and by  
5 commemorating this momentous occasion in the church's history, the  
6 leaders and congregants have demonstrated their commitment to their  
7 faith and to each other; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize the sesquicentennial of First United  
10 Methodist Church of Uvalde and extend best wishes to the  
11 congregation for a joyous and memorable celebration; and, be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the congregants of First United Methodist Church of  
15 Uvalde as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
16 Representatives.

King of Zavala  
Gallego

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1545 was adopted by the House on April 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House