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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The congregants of the First United Methodist Church
2 of Hondo are celebrating a milestone anniversary with the
3 commemoration of the church's sesquicentennial on May 6, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded as the Methodist Episcopal Church South in
5 1857, the church first held meetings in a log hut near Hondo Creek
6 before parishioners moved to the "Rock Church" east of town; later,
7 a private home and a schoolhouse were used for worship services
8 until 1890, when a wood frame building was constructed at the site
9 of the present church home; when that structure was destroyed by a
10 tornado, a brick church was built in 1898 and later enlarged and
11 remodeled; in 1975, members celebrated the dedication of a new
12 sanctuary made necessary by the steady growth of the congregation;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church South merged with the
15 Methodist Episcopal Church and the Protestant Methodist Church in
16 1939, and, nearly 30 years later, with the Evangelical United
17 Brethren Church; in 1971, Simpson Chapel United Methodist Church
18 was joined with First United Methodist to create a strong, unified
19 congregation; and

20 WHEREAS, From its beginnings, First United Methodist Church
21 has served as a source of fellowship and spiritual guidance to its
22 members while also ministering to the needs of the greater
23 community, and the congregation's rich and dynamic history is
24 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the First United Methodist Church
3 of Hondo on 150 years of service to area Texans and extend to all
4 those affiliated with the church sincere best wishes for continued
5 success in the years ahead; 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.