

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1016

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Zion Lutheran Church and School in Walburg on the grand occasion of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the church and school; and

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran Church was established in 1882 as a place of worship for persons of German-Wendish descent, many of whom had immigrated to Texas in the 1850s in the area of present day Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Some of the pioneers began migrating to the northeastern part of Williamson County in the late 1870s; the settlement became known as Walburg, and the settlers established the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Concordia, a school, and a church cemetery; and

WHEREAS, The congregation grew through the years despite challenges such as a fierce tornado in June of 1886 that moved the church building off its foundation; members have rebuilt and placed additions on both the school and the church building; and

WHEREAS, Zion Lutheran Church and School are celebrating their 125th anniversary throughout the year of 2007 with a number of events, including the dedication of an official Texas Historical Marker; and

WHEREAS, As they celebrate its 125th anniversary, the members of Zion Lutheran Church can take great pride in the church's rich history and its enduring commitment to its holy mission, and the cross first raised in 1882 on a small tower high on a hill overlooking Williamson County can continue to serve as a symbol of hope and inspiration to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the members of Zion Lutheran Church on the 125th anniversary of the founding of the church and school and extend best wishes for a joyous celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate