

By: King of Zavala

H.R. No. 190

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The members of the First United Methodist Church of
2 Crystal City are marking a momentous event in January 2009 with the
3 commemoration of the 100th anniversary of their church's founding;
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5 WHEREAS, Established on January 19, 1908, by the Reverend
6 W. E. Broadhurst, First Methodist has experienced much growth since
7 its beginnings in the local unfinished schoolhouse where its
8 organizational meeting was held; a two-story building erected on
9 Avenue A in 1909 was replaced with a large white stucco edifice two
10 decades later; since 1960, the church home, which features lovely
11 stained glass windows, has been located at 616 East Valverde
12 Street; and

13 WHEREAS, Covered-dish evenings have provided a welcome
14 opportunity for fellowship through the years, with chicken and
15 dumplings and enchiladas counted as special favorites; among the
16 longtime congregants taking part in these and other church
17 activities are Ronald Martin "Marty" Harkey, Jane Marie Byrd Del
18 Re, and Joseph Patrick Byrd, Jr., all of whom are fourth-generation
19 members carrying on the religious legacy of their forebears; and

20 WHEREAS, A highly valued spiritual and social center in the
21 Crystal City area, First Methodist has long reached out to the wider
22 community; the church has hosted a monthly prayer breakfast, the
23 Thanksgiving service sponsored by the local ministerial alliance,
24 and the Christmas Eve candlelight service; and

1 WHEREAS, Since its inception, First United Methodist Church
2 has remained a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration to area
3 residents, and it is fitting that its clergy and parishioners, both
4 past and present, be honored on this joyous occasion; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding
8 of the First United Methodist Church of Crystal City and extend to
9 all those affiliated with the church sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.