

By: Martinez

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The congregation of the First United Methodist
2 Church of Donna is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the
3 church's founding in February 2009, and this joyous event is
4 certain to be a memorable occasion for all concerned; and

5 WHEREAS, The First United Methodist Church of Donna was
6 organized in February 1909; its first pastor, the Reverend C. W.
7 Goodwyn also had the responsibility of shepherding the McAllen
8 congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1918, the Reverend O. C. Crow assumed the pulpit
10 of the Donna church; under his direction, membership grew from 20
11 parishioners to several hundred; this exceeded the capacity of the
12 church's modest wood frame building, which resulted in services and
13 Sunday school classes being held in the Donna High School
14 auditorium until an addition could be erected; today's church home,
15 constructed in 1951, features stained glass windows, a prominent
16 steeple, and sufficient room to meet the myriad needs of a thriving
17 congregation; and

18 WHEREAS, Since its inception, First United Methodist Church
19 has remained a haven of strength, comfort, and inspiration for
20 residents of the Rio Grande Valley, and its continued existence is a
21 tribute to the unwavering commitment of its members, both past and
22 present; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate all those affiliated with the First

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1 United Methodist Church of Donna on the occasion of its 100th
2 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;
3 and, be it further

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