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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 150 years, many families have come together to
2 celebrate their faith at the First United Methodist Church of Rio
3 Grande City; and

4 WHEREAS, The history of this treasured institution dates back
5 to 1859, when services were first held in the homes of area
6 citizens; in 1875, Clemente E. Vivero was appointed the church's
7 first minister, and four years later, construction began on the
8 congregation's first facility; and

9 WHEREAS, At the Annual Conference of 1882, the Reverend Alex
10 Sutherland reported the completion of the new building, which cost
11 \$2,800 to construct; through the years, the church has kept pace
12 with the changing needs of the community it serves by expanding, and
13 a number of additions have been made, including a parsonage and an
14 annex; the church is also home to a kindergarten program that has
15 served Valley residents since 1947; and

16 WHEREAS, For 150 years, the First United Methodist Church of
17 Rio Grande City has served as a source of strength and inspiration
18 to those who have worshiped there, and the church stands as a
19 tribute to the dedication of its members, past and present, who have
20 devoted their time, prayers, and financial resources to ensure its
21 continued existence as a house of God; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize the First United Methodist Church of
24 Rio Grande City on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and extend

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1 to all of its members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
2 further

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