

By: Anderson

H.R. No. 1921

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of First Lutheran Church in Waco are joining  
2 together on April 19, 2009, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of  
3 the founding of the institution; and

4           WHEREAS, Originally called Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran  
5 Ebenezer Congregation, the church was established by Norwegian  
6 immigrants in 1884; eight years later, the First Lutheran Church  
7 Women was organized; and

8           WHEREAS, Through the decades, First Lutheran has reached out  
9 to the community with a number of notable programs; in addition to  
10 sponsoring Boy Scouts of America Troop 18, the congregation helped  
11 to establish the Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home to provide housing  
12 for seniors, created the Student Assistance Fund to support  
13 Lutheran students at Baylor University, and served as a Meals on  
14 Wheels site for more than 35 years; currently, the church also  
15 offers a program providing free and low-cost legal aid to people in  
16 need; and

17           WHEREAS, For 125 years, First Lutheran Church in Waco has  
18 provided steadfast spiritual and moral guidance to the community it  
19 serves, and its continued existence is a tribute to the commitment  
20 and faith of its leaders and members, past and present; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of First  
24 Lutheran Church in Waco and extend to the members of the

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1 congregation best wishes for a memorable and meaningful anniversary  
2 observance; and, be it 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.