

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Saint Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Austin on
3 the grand occasion of its 125th anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
5 America, Saint Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church traces its
6 roots back to 1883, when bimonthly German Lutheran worship services
7 were conducted by Reverend Henry Merz, a missionary from
8 Switzerland; and

9 WHEREAS, The church's first structure was built in 1884 on
10 East Peach Street, now 13th Street, with handmade bricks salvaged
11 from the original Capitol, which had been destroyed by fire; since
12 then, the church has grown considerably and has moved twice because
13 of expansion of the Capitol grounds; the cornerstones of the first
14 two churches have been placed in the front wall of the present
15 building, which was dedicated in 1960 and is located on West 15th
16 Street; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the past 125 years, the church has ministered
18 faithfully to the needs of the citizens of Austin and has continued
19 to grow and prosper; the church has a Lutheran school and a
20 Stephen's Ministry and offers a variety of support groups and
21 outreach programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The church has also served as an invaluable source
23 of strength to its members during their hardships and in difficult
24 times; and

1 WHEREAS, The observance of the church's 125th anniversary
2 offers an opportunity to celebrate the support and inspiration it
3 provides to area citizens and its contributions to the community;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and members of
7 Saint Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church on the joyous occasion
8 of its 125th anniversary; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2665

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2665 was adopted by the House on May 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House