

By: Craddick

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 100 years, families have come together to
2 celebrate their faith at the O'Donnell First United Methodist
3 Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1911, the O'Donnell First United
5 Methodist Church was originally led by the Reverend T. A. Knight,
6 and early meetings were held at the T-Bar Methodist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Founding fathers H. E. Baldrige and C. H. Doak
8 donated land for First United to build its first structure in 1920;
9 additions have since been made to the facility in an effort to meet
10 the needs of its congregation, which welcomed the members of T-Bar
11 Methodist when that church closed in 1943; a fellowship building
12 was completed in 1950, and a parsonage was also built; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, First United has provided area
14 residents with myriad opportunities for spiritual growth,
15 fellowship, and community outreach, and congregants have benefited
16 from the able leadership of many dedicated pastors; today that
17 tradition of service continues under the direction of the Reverend
18 Monty Barnett; and

19 WHEREAS, The O'Donnell First United Methodist Church has long
20 served as a source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship
21 there, and its continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering
22 commitment of its members, both past and present; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby honor the O'Donnell First United Methodist
2 Church on its 100th anniversary and extend to the congregation
3 sincere best wishes for the future; 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.