

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist  
2 Church in Dallas are celebrating the 80th anniversary of their  
3 church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1933, the church was first known as  
5 Saint Paul Mission, later changing to East St. Paul Methodist  
6 Church, then St. Luke Methodist Church; although its first  
7 sanctuary was destroyed by a fire in 1941, the congregation pulled  
8 together and rebuilt several years later; in 1974, members gathered  
9 for the first time at the church's current home on R. L. Thornton  
10 Freeway; and

11 WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions,  
12 the members of this notable house of worship support a variety of  
13 commendable programs that offer fellowship as well as help to those  
14 in need; its many outreach ministries include such diverse areas as  
15 career development, homeless assistance, social action, academic  
16 skills reinforcement, and physical fitness; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the decades, the church has benefited from the  
18 leadership of many excellent pastors; Rev. Merrell T. Reed led the  
19 congregation in its earliest years, and Rev. Timothy B. Echols and  
20 Rev. John W. Tatum, Sr., guided the church's expansion of social  
21 programs in the mid-1960s to early 1970s; Rev. Zan W. Holmes, Jr.,  
22 assumed leadership in 1974 and served for 28 years, during which  
23 time he added "Community" to the church's name to match its civic  
24 mission and oversaw the development of its Community Life Center,

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1 named in his honor; the current pastor, Rev. Henry L. Masters, Sr.,  
2 is nationally known and respected and has served St. Luke since July  
3 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, Countless Texans have looked to St. Luke "Community"  
5 United Methodist Church in Dallas for spiritual guidance through  
6 the years, and this notable milestone provides a fitting  
7 opportunity to recognize all who have contributed to its longevity;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding  
11 of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church and extend to the  
12 congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.

Giddings  
Johnson

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 373 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House