

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Trinity United Methodist Church in
2 Houston are joining together on March 3, 2013, to celebrate the
3 148th anniversary of their church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, Organized in 1865, this historic congregation was
5 one of the first African American churches in the Houston area
6 following the Civil War; its building was financed by 25 members in
7 1879 and provided a home to the congregation for 20 years before it
8 was destroyed in the hurricane of 1900; members soon rebuilt, but
9 lost that structure to a fire in the mid-1940s; and

10 WHEREAS, The current sanctuary, located on the corner of
11 Holman and Live Oak Streets, was completed in 1951, and the property
12 has been expanded several times over the years; its stained glass
13 windows are a unique feature that depict not only early Christian
14 scenes but also key moments of the civil rights movement; and

15 WHEREAS, Through the decades, Trinity UMC has benefited from
16 the dedicated efforts of many outstanding clergymen, including its
17 founding pastor, the Reverend Elias Dibble; today, that tradition
18 of service continues under the direction of senior pastor
19 Dr. Robert E. McGee; and

20 WHEREAS, Members of this notable house of worship support a
21 variety of commendable programs, among them a music ministry, a
22 young adult Bible class, youth activities, and a Boy Scout troop;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, For nearly a century and a half, countless Houston

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1 residents have looked to Trinity United Methodist Church for
2 spiritual enrichment and guidance, and it is a pleasure to join in
3 honoring the church at this special time in its rich history; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 148th anniversary of the
7 founding of Trinity United Methodist Church and extend to its
8 congregation sincere best wishes for the future; 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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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 647 was adopted by the House on
February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House