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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the First United Methodist Church of  
2 Kountze came together on May 18 and 19, 2013, to celebrate the 125th  
3 anniversary of their congregation; and

4 WHEREAS, This venerable institution dates back to 1886, when  
5 the cornerstone was laid for its first building; the church opened  
6 two years later, becoming the only house of worship in Hardin  
7 County; at that time, the nearest church was 26 miles south, in  
8 Beaumont, and the Kountze sanctuary was used by all denominations  
9 then active in the area; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1940, a two-story annex was added, but just nine  
11 years afterward, the membership had outgrown the space;  
12 construction began on a new church, which was completed in 1951, and  
13 the Family Life Center was added in 2000; today, the congregation  
14 consists of more than 200 members, who are led in prayer by Pastor  
15 Nathan Gossett; and

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

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the First  
23 United Methodist Church of Kountze and extend to the members of the  
24 congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
3 House of Representatives.

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1 Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the First United Methodist  
2 Church of Kountze.