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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Wesley Chapel Christian Methodist  
2 Episcopal Church in Greenville celebrated the 135th anniversary of  
3 their church's founding on May 5, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, This historic congregation was organized in 1878 and  
5 first gathered at a site near the courthouse known as "across the  
6 thicket"; it relocated to Johnson Street under the direction of the  
7 Reverend N. M. Means in 1918, and that church was later remodeled  
8 when the Reverend Travis Moore presided; in 1984, using land  
9 donated by J. Campbell Murrell, a new sanctuary was built at the  
10 present location on Kennedy Street during the tenure of the  
11 Reverend V. McCalister; and

12           WHEREAS, Through the decades, Wesley Chapel CME has benefited  
13 from the efforts of many other outstanding members of the clergy,  
14 and today that tradition of service continues under the direction  
15 of the Reverend Harold Wright; the congregation has also placed a  
16 strong emphasis on the work carried out by the Missionary Society,  
17 and that dedicated group is guided by Joanne Wakefield, who has  
18 served as its president since 1986; another valuable leader in the  
19 current church family is Herbert Scott, who holds the office of  
20 presiding elder; and

21           WHEREAS, Countless Greenville residents have looked to  
22 Wesley Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for spiritual  
23 enrichment and guidance for well over a century, and it is a  
24 pleasure to join in honoring the church at this special time in its

1 rich history; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 135th anniversary of the  
4 founding of Wesley Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and  
5 extend to its members and leaders sincere best wishes for the  
6 future; and, be it further

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