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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale are
2 commemorating a significant milestone in 2015 as they celebrate the
3 125th anniversary of their church's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, In the early 1880s, August Polnick and his family
5 became the first Germans and Lutherans to settle in Thorndale; as
6 other families came to the area, they began to gather on Sundays to
7 worship in alternating homes in the community; eventually, Karl
8 Michalk donated 10 acres for a church and school, and on December
9 21, 1890, Mr. Michalk and seven others signed a charter to create
10 St. Paul Lutheran Church; and

11 WHEREAS, The church grew rapidly, and in 1899, members
12 decided to build a new 40-by-60-foot building with an altar
13 extension, nearly doubling the size of the original structure; the
14 new church and school building was dedicated on July 8, 1900, and
15 offered morning and evening services in German, as well as an
16 afternoon service in English; both church and school have continued
17 to grow and participate in the development of the Thorndale area;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, For 125 years, the St. Paul Lutheran Church has
20 served countless residents who seek a full and meaningful spiritual
21 life, and the school has effectively helped many children begin
22 their educational journey; on this special occasion in the
23 institution's rich history, it is a privilege to recognize the
24 ongoing commitment of the congregation to its faith and to the wider

1 community; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the
4 founding of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Thorndale and extend to all
5 those associated with the church 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.