

By: Miller of Comal

H.R. No. 1489

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 170 years, families have come together to  
2 celebrate their faith at First Protestant Church of New Braunfels;  
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4           WHEREAS, This historic church was organized to serve  
5 Protestant worshippers among the German immigrants who settled New  
6 Braunfels under the auspices of the Adelsverein; the initial  
7 services were held in December 1844 under the leadership of the  
8 Reverend Louis C. Ervendberg, who had been asked to pastor the  
9 church by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels before the first settlers  
10 ever arrived on the banks of the Comal; the church incorporated in  
11 October 1845, becoming the first congregation in the community; and

12           WHEREAS, The original church building was a cedar log  
13 structure; in 1875, the cornerstone was laid for the present-day  
14 building, which over the years has been expanded and improved; the  
15 tower was added in 1889, and in 1955, the chancel and chapel were  
16 enlarged; First Protestant Church is a Recorded Texas Historic  
17 Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Since its inception, the congregation has benefited  
20 from the guidance of many dedicated pastors, and today it is ably  
21 led by the Reverend Daryl Higgins, its senior minister; and

22           WHEREAS, First Protestant Church has long served as a source  
23 of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its  
24 continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of

1 its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

2         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 170th anniversary of First  
4 Protestant Church of New Braunfels and extend to the congregation  
5 and its clergy sincere best wishes for many more years of shared  
6 prayer and fellowship; and, be it further

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