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H.R. No. 1593

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 175 years, families have come together to  
2 celebrate their faith at Columbia United Methodist Church in West  
3 Columbia; and

4           WHEREAS, The church was first organized as a Methodist  
5 Society by the Reverend Isaac L. G. Strickland in 1839, and it was  
6 formally established on March 7 of the following year; considered  
7 the oldest Methodist congregation in Brazoria County, it first  
8 occupied a brick building, and a subsequent frame structure was  
9 replaced by the present brick sanctuary in 1958; in 1984, the church  
10 was honored with an official state historical marker by the Texas  
11 Historical Commission; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, the church has continued to  
13 flourish; the building was renovated and beautiful stained-glass  
14 windows were installed in the 1990s, and later, a large fellowship  
15 hall, kitchen, and new offices were added; in recent decades, the  
16 congregation has expanded its community outreach programs as well;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Columbia United Methodist has benefited from the  
19 able leadership of many dedicated pastors, and today, that  
20 tradition of service continues under the direction of Dr. Michael  
21 Deaton; and

22           WHEREAS, Since its inception, Columbia United Methodist  
23 Church has served as a source of inspiration and guidance to those  
24 who worship there, and its continued existence is a tribute to the

1 unwavering commitment of its members, both past and present; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of Columbia  
5 United Methodist Church and extend to its congregation sincere best  
6 wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship; and, be  
7 it further

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