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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the First United Methodist Church in
2 Troup marked a milestone in their history with the celebration of
3 the 100th anniversary of the dedication of their church building in
4 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, The Troup Methodist church traces its beginnings
6 back to 1873, when a small group of Methodists began holding
7 services beneath a large oak tree in the area; seven years later,
8 church trustees bought a parcel of land on East Calvert Street from
9 the Texas Land Company, and members soon erected a one-room
10 sanctuary on the property; and

11 WHEREAS, By 1912, the congregation had outgrown its modest
12 building and planned to construct a more accommodating place of
13 worship; the following year, the church received as a gift the deed
14 to several lots of land, and its members held numerous fund-raisers
15 and collected donations for a new building; the sanctuary was
16 completed in early 1914, and congregants held its dedication
17 service that Easter Sunday; and

18 WHEREAS, The new church was praised as one of the most
19 beautiful and modern in the area, and its spacious 500-seat
20 sanctuary was enlisted to host music and civic events as well as the
21 Texas Annual Conference for the United Methodist Church for several
22 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing decades, First United Methodist
24 underwent a multitude of other renovations, including the addition

1 of a fellowship hall and an education building; in 2013, the
2 congregation commemorated its 130th anniversary with the
3 dedication of a Texas Historical Marker from the Texas Historical
4 Commission and the Smith County Historical Society; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous generations of area residents have looked
6 to First United Methodist Church-Troup for spiritual enrichment and
7 guidance, and its continued existence is a tribute to the
8 unwavering commitment of its members, both past and present; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
12 dedication of the First United Methodist Church building in Troup
13 and extend to its clergy and congregation sincere best wishes for
14 the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.