

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Trinity United Methodist Church, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary on March 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This historic church was founded on March 5, 1865, by Elias Dibble; it was built on the corner of Travis and Bell Streets, where it stood until a fire destroyed it in 1946; many notable institutions can trace their origins to the church, including Wiley College, Emancipation Park, and Texas Southern University; and

WHEREAS, The church has stood proudly at its current location on Holman and Oak Streets since 1951; the building's iconic stained-glass windows depict religious history and serve as a beautiful monument to the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Under the wise stewardship of its former pastors, and with the outstanding leadership of its current pastor, Dr. Robert E. McGee, Trinity United Methodist Church has continued to grow and to play a vital role in the Houston community; and

WHEREAS, The commemoration of its 150th anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the church's rich history in the city and on the ministries it has established to the benefit of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to the members and clergy of Trinity United Methodist Church for a memorable 150th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate