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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Members of First Methodist Church of Chillicothe
- 2 gathered on May 21, 2016, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the
- 3 construction of their church; and
- WHEREAS, Organized in 1886 in the Jackson Springs community,
- 5 the congregation was served in its early days by circuit riders
- 6 C. T. Neese and J. T. Hosmer; the church was relocated to
- 7 Chillicothe not long after the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway
- 8 reached the town in the following year; eventually, the
- 9 congregation found a new site, and prominent architect Rockwell
- 10 Henry Stuckey was hired to design a building, which was completed in
- 11 1916; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The church's classical elements include a cornice,
- 13 columns, and eaves, and it also features an octagonal dome and
- 14 stained glass windows that were crafted in Germany; in 1998, the
- 15 building was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark by
- 16 the Texas Historical Commission; and
- WHEREAS, Countless area residents have looked to the First
- 18 Methodist Church of Chillicothe for spiritual guidance for over a
- 19 century, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the church and the
- 20 rich history of its venerable house of worship; now, therefore, be
- 21 it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First
- 24 Methodist Church of Chillicothe building and extend to the members

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- 1 of the congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
- 2 further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for the congregation as an expression of high regard by the
- 5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1440 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House