

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Portland First United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 90th anniversary, which was celebrated throughout the month of November in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its establishment, Portland First United Methodist Church has been a source of inspiration to the community, and over the years, it has ministered faithfully to the needs of innumerable Christians; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the guidance and wise stewardship of its former pastors and the outstanding leadership of Pastor Pamela Dykehouse, the church has continued to grow and to undertake many worthy projects in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Portland First United Methodist Church has become an invaluable source of strength for members during times of hardship and bereavement and a source of fellowship in times of abundance and prosperity; future plans for the church include the construction of a memorial prayer garden and columbarium; and

**WHEREAS**, The church initiated its 90th anniversary celebration on November 6, and the celebration continued throughout the month with special worship services, music offerings, a guest preacher, and additional opportunities for congregants to gather and reflect on the church's rich history and influential role in the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to the clergy and members of Portland First United Methodist Church on the joyous occasion of its 90th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the church as a token 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 13, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate