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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The members of Grace United Methodist Church in Hearne are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their church's founding in 2020; and

WHEREAS, The church was first organized in 1870, with the Reverend Horace Bishop as pastor, and the congregation initially met on the second floor of a local saloon; in 1884, the Reverend Seth Ward became pastor, and a sanctuary was constructed in 1885; destroyed by fire that same year, it was soon thereafter replaced by a new structure, and the doors of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, opened for worship in 1886; when a storm moved the building three feet south of its original location, new pillars were placed under the church; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the congregation grew, and a new sanctuary was built around 1930; it was renovated in 1965, and the Memorial Building was erected in 1976; the name of the church changed in 1948 to Grace Methodist Church and again two decades later to Grace United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Grace United Methodist Church has long served as a source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Grace United Methodist Church in Hearne and extend to its congregation sincere best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and fellowship; and, be it further

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