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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Grace

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1 United Methodist Church in Hearne and extend to its congregation  
2 sincere best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and  
3 fellowship; and, be it further

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