

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Meyersville, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its historic sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, Saint John's congregation is one of the three oldest Lutheran congregations in Texas; the congregation traces its roots to 1851, when a founding group of German immigrants first gathered for worship in a log cabin; congregants moved to a stone church in 1866, and ranchers in the community decided to build the current church in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Construction of this impressive Gothic-style sanctuary lasted 17 months, and with no nearby store as a source of supplies, the ranchers made the bricks from scratch on-site; builders erected the sanctuary at a slight incline toward the altar so that all members had a clear view of the pastor, an architectural technique that was notably ahead of its time; in true Texas form, metal clips were attached to the back of pews for men to hang their Stetsons; and

WHEREAS, Records show that sermons at the church were offered in German through 1964; an air-conditioning system was installed in the church in 2004, and a new elevator, staircase, and covered drop-off area were added in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Today, the beautiful church is a source of strength and enlightenment to its members under the exemplary leadership of its 21st pastor, the Reverend John Boor; the sanctuary centennial is a fitting opportunity for the spiritual family to reflect on the church's rich history and the ministries it has established to the benefit of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend congratulations to the congregants and clergy of Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Meyersville as they mark the 100th anniversary of the church sanctuary; 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.

Kolkhorst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 29, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate