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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of St. John's Episcopal Church in
2 Carthage are celebrating the 75th anniversary of their church's
3 founding on September 21, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, St. John's was first organized in an abandoned
5 theater with a handful of charter members under the leadership of
6 Pastor John W. Fritts on July 29, 1950; the growing congregation
7 met in a garage apartment before breaking ground on a sanctuary in
8 October 1951, and the new building was dedicated the following
9 year; the congregation went on to add a parish hall and an education
10 wing, and it paid off all its debts in 1961; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its establishment, St. John's has benefited
12 from the dedicated efforts of a number of outstanding clergy,
13 including Pastor Jennene Laurinec, who leads the congregation
14 today; and

15 WHEREAS, United by their shared faith and strong traditions,
16 the members of this notable house of worship have established a
17 variety of commendable programs that foster fellowship and offer
18 help to those in need; and

19 WHEREAS, Countless Carthage residents have looked to
20 St. John's Episcopal Church for spiritual guidance over the years,
21 and it is a pleasure to join in honoring the congregation at this
22 special time in its rich history; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 75th

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1 anniversary of St. John's Episcopal Church and extend to its
2 members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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