

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, 2nd 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.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 94 was adopted by the House on  
September 2, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House