

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

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A RESOLUTION to honor the pastor and congregation of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church on the celebration of their church's 160th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Robertson County comprise one such congregation that will be celebrating 160 years of service to the Lord and their community this year; and

WHEREAS, since 1850, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church has been providing for the religious, educational, and social needs of its community; the people of Mt. Pleasant have quietly, methodically, and without fanfare ministered to their friends and neighbors and others around the world; and

WHEREAS, the exact date of the origin of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is difficult to determine; however, there is sufficient information to show God's work has been established there since the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, originally known as Old Union Church, the property the church sits on was once part of the Braten Jones farm, and was deeded for the purpose of building a church, cemetery, school, and Masonic lodge; and

WHEREAS, the original church was a one-room log cabin used during the winter, and it had an adjoining brush arbor for outside worship during the hot summer months; and

WHEREAS, in 1850, the present sanctuary was built and the name was changed to Mt. Pleasant Methodist Episcopal Church South; this congregation became the seventh Methodist Church and the oldest continually used Methodist sanctuary in Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, one of the oldest historical churches in the White House area, the Mt. Pleasant Church building was originally a one-room white clapboard building with a tin roof and hand-hewed logs for the floor and ceiling joists; in the sanctuary there were three rows of pews made of yellow poplar sitting on the hardwood floors; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, the congregation decided the church was too near the road, and so to allow for future growth, the sanctuary was moved; through the years, several renovations and additions have changed the appearance of the church building; and

WHEREAS, the early history of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and its members is shrouded in the mist of time; yet it is due to the courage and sacrifice of these early pioneers that the current congregation is so richly blessed; and

WHEREAS, the pastor and present members of the church utilize this rich inheritance to continue Mt. Pleasant's mission of "Loving friends, Loving family, Loving God"; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for 160 years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Robertson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the pastor and congregation of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church on the occasion of their church's 160th anniversary and offer our sincerest wishes for their continued prosperity in serving the Lord's mission and ministering to their fellow human beings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.