

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1278

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of
Highland Church of Christ in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

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

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is that of Highland Church of Christ in Memphis, the members of which are celebrating the church's ninetieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, throughout the last nine decades, the congregants of Highland Church of Christ have proven themselves capable, compassionate stewards of their community, engaging in various outreach and support programs that have greatly improved the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, thirty years ago, the church began Memphis Workcamp, and since that time, the organization has painted 700 homes in the Memphis area; the church also helped start Hopeworks, a Memphis-area program that takes in adults and helps them receive an education and find employment, and created Family in Transition (FIT) to help pregnant and single mothers with housing and employment; and

WHEREAS, Highland Church of Christ sponsors various initiatives that focus on children; the church is the top supporter for Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in New York, which

has helped over 1,000 children and young adults; has adopted two local elementary schools, helping tutor students and fill sacks of food to send home with them over the weekends; and sends volunteers weekly to hold babies and comfort families in the NICU at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the church also funds mission teams in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine; Kyiv, Ukraine; the Philippines; and Papua New Guinea, and it is launching a new mission team in China this year; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Highland Church of Christ in Memphis is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in the celebration of the ninetieth anniversary of Highland Church of Christ in Memphis, thank the good people of this historic congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

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