

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 75

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the pastor and members of Missionary Grove Baptist Church of Camden on the occasion of their church's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and pay tribute to those venerable religious institutions that are celebrating a significant milestone in their history; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1895, Missionary Grove Baptist Church has proudly served Benton County for the past 125 years by providing spiritual direction for its members and serving as a link to join the halcyon past with the exciting future; and

WHEREAS, the members of Missionary Grove celebrated the church's anniversary on November 22, 2020, with a message from their dedicated leader, Senior Pastor Matthew Greer; praise music; remarks from Linda Melton, Greta Sewell, and Blake Arnold, members with longtime ties to the church; and a slide presentation showing photographs of the church's rich history; and

WHEREAS, throughout their 125-year shared history, the members of Missionary Grove Baptist Church have remained true to their mission of sharing hope through the love of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, Missionary Grove Baptist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for 125 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the pastor and members of Missionary Grove Baptist Church

of Camden in observing their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a community of faith and extend to these fine people our best wishes for much continued success and fulfillment in performing the Lord's work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.