

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 627

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the congregation of Union Hill Baptist Church upon their 150th Anniversary.

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; one such dynamic and historic community of faith is Union Hill Baptist Church, the members of which, are celebrating the church's 150th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1859, the church was established as a mission named New Bethel Baptist Church on Lichten Pike; and

WHEREAS, beginning with twenty-one charter members, services were held in a one room school house under the spiritual leadership of the original pastor, W. B. Trenary; and

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, the church has operated under several names, including W. D. Baldwin Mission and Whites Creek Baptist; and

WHEREAS, in 1871, the church was christened Union Hill Baptist Church and it has continued its worthy mission of spreading the Good News of the Lord to its members and the world at large ever since; and

WHEREAS, with remarkable faith and significant contributions by the congregation, the existing church structure was built between 1935 and 1938; and

WHEREAS, currently the congregation of Union Hill Baptist Church is led by Pastor Michael Mayo who has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, integrity, and Christian belief, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings, the church leaders and congregation at Union Hill Baptist Church, following the guidance of the Lord, have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world and continue in their mission and Christian endeavors; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Union Hill Baptist Church 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 and historic congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the 150th anniversary of Union Hill Baptist Church, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to the 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.