

SENATE RESOLUTION 59

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the pastor and congregation of River of Life Assembly of God Church on the occasion of the church's eightieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of Tennessee are crucial elements contributing to the social and spiritual health of our State, and the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize significant milestones in the lives of those communities of faith; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is the River of Life Assembly of God Church, which will commemorate its eightieth anniversary on April 26, 2009; and

WHEREAS, located on Beaver Road in Munford, the history of the church dates back to 1929, when it was established as a result of a revival at Glen Springs and only consisted of thirty-one charter members; and

WHEREAS, Reverend B.F. Wiseman was the first pastor of the church, which was then called First Assembly Church of God; and

WHEREAS, because of mighty healings and outpourings of God's spirit, the crowds at River of Life grew increasingly larger, causing the congregation to move to Crosstown; and

WHEREAS, early on, the congregation experienced two significant losses when their building was twice burned to the ground; the first fire was deliberately set in 1935 by an opposer, but the building was rebuilt the same year, and the second building was accidentally destroyed in 1947; and

WHEREAS, today the church building stands as a testimony of God's faithfulness to build his church; and

WHEREAS, River of Life has received national acclaim for its foreign missions support, which serves to fulfill the Great Commission to preach truth in all nations; and

WHEREAS, under its slogan, "Building Families, Growing Faith," the church has earned a strong reputation as a leader in discipleship and a church with great music and a solid emphasis on children and youth; and

WHEREAS River of Life Assembly of God Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and is a catalyst for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members of this exemplary institution should be appropriately honored for their exceptional 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, that we honor and commend the members and pastor of River of Life Assembly of God Church on the celebration of the church's eightieth anniversary, offering our best wishes for many years of continued success in serving God and humanity.

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