

House Resolution No. 2152

Whereas, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, has attained distinction during its first One Hundred Years in existence, a milestone which it observed through a series of celebrations and commemorations held throughout the year 2002; and

Whereas, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church utilized the appropriate anniversary theme of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" in keeping with the meaningful message of steadfast hope contained within that great hymn; and

Whereas, established on November 6, 1902, in the home of Harry and Mamie Henderson, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church purchased its current location at 3200 Washington Boulevard in June 1925; and

Whereas, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church weathered an electrical fire on November 17, 1945, which consumed most of the building, but left unscathed four stained glass windows in the upper sanctuary; and

Whereas, many events of historical interest have occurred at Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, including the marriage of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong in October 1942, strategy sessions and mass meetings throughout the 1960s, and addresses by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in May 1963 and March 1964; and

Whereas, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church has been named as a landmark of the City of St. Louis, and has established a scholarship fund in memory of the Reverend Dr. John E. Nance and his beloved wife, Regina; and

Whereas, still located at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Compton Avenue, Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church today is led by its seventh pastor, the Reverend Dr. Jesse T. Williams, Jr., who was installed on February 17, 1991:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant religious and cultural history of Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the conclusion of year-long Centennial Anniversary celebrations during 2002 and our best wishes for continued success in the institution's second century of operation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins
District No. 60

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2152, adopted April 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker