

House Resolution No. 3158

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a significant milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Dunklin County residents; and

Whereas, the congregation of Sumach United Methodist Church in Sumach, Missouri, is commemorating the resplendent occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary; and

Whereas, Sumach United Methodist Church was founded as Methodist Episcopal Church South and was constructed because "a community with a good church building was the one most sought after by settlers with families to raise", a reason which appeared in an article from the July 18, 1902, Dunklin Democrat; and

Whereas, dedicated on May 10, 1903, Methodist Episcopal Church South changed its name to Sumach Methodist Church in 1939 and became Sumach United Methodist Church in 1968; and

Whereas, Sumach United Methodist Church was burned by an arsonist on July 28, 1997, following which the congregation decided to rebuild and the last brick of the new building was placed December 19, 1998; and

Whereas, in honor of the One Hundredth Anniversary of Sumach United Methodist Church, a steeple and outdoor sign have been purchased from donations received in memory of past and present members; and

Whereas, Sumach United Methodist Church is known, admired, and respected throughout the Sumach community as a divine proclaimer of faith and friend to those in need, and continues a fine tradition of one hundred years through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a glorious future with God:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the dedicated members and leaders of Sumach United Methodist Church upon this very special anniversary event, and in wishing them tremendous peace and prosperity as they continue to serve the Christian mission; 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 for the Sumach United Methodist Church in Sumach, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
 District No. 163

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. 3158, adopted June 3, 2003.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker