

House Resolution No. 2007

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 Audrain County residents; and

Whereas, on April 26, 2004, the congregation of the First Christian Church in Vandalia, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary; and

Whereas, the First Christian Church was established April 26, 1879, with thirty-two members who gathered for worship services in homes, the village depot, the school house, and other churches from 1879 to 1886; and

Whereas, the first church building was erected in 1886 on land purchased from Dr. Parrish for \$600, and a second building was constructed to replace the original sanctuary in 1924; and

Whereas, members of the First Christian Church witnessed with pleasure the completion of an educational and office addition in 1966 at a cost of \$80,000; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Dr. Roger W. Thomas, who has served as Preaching Minister at the First Christian Church since December 2000, and Jeff Jordan, who has served as the Associate Minister of Youth and Family Life since December 2002; and

Whereas, throughout its rich history, the congregation of the First Christian Church has continued an active ministry of worship, education, and service to the Vandalia community, providing financial support for missionary and benevolent ministries throughout the world:

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 members and leaders of the First Christian Church as they proudly celebrate one hundred twenty-five years of steadfast dedication to the Lord, and in wishing them only the very best 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 First Christian Church in Vandalia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Terry L. Witte
 District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2007, adopted April 21, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker