

House Resolution No. 3393

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to meeting the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, First General Baptist Church of Dexter was organized in 1905 and constructed its current sanctuary in 1948; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2005, First General Baptist Church celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary with special observances led by the current pastor, the Reverend Kenneth Biggs; and

Whereas, a portion of the Centennial Anniversary festivities including the removal and opening of the 1948 cornerstone which held a Bible, an old newspaper, and a copy of the General Baptist Messenger; and

Whereas, placed in the cornerstone by former pastor, The Reverend Thurman Bland, the Bible was returned to the Bland family once it was removed from its resting place in the cornerstone; and

Whereas, the One Hundredth Anniversary service was attended by many former members of First General Baptist Church; and

Whereas, a special treat for Centennial Anniversary participants was a choir made up of former members who returned to Dexter for the special occasion:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spiritual leadership so generously provided by First General Baptist Church to the citizens and institutions of Dexter, Missouri, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of their beloved church; 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 presentation to First General Baptist Church of Dexter, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Billy Pat Wright
 District No. 159

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3393, adopted May 16, 2005.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker