

## House Resolution No. 4103

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State churches which have proven down through the years to be exceptional components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Sugar Creek United Methodist Church in Sugar Creek, Missouri, began as a Sabbath School established by Nettie Kerr whose work led to the first service being held on Sunday afternoon, July 12, 1904, in the spacious summer home of Colonel N.P. Symonds by whom her father was employed; and

**Whereas**, after Colonel Symonds constructed a small freestanding building for use as a place of worship, the church held a revival meeting during the winter of 1904-1905 and noticeably strengthened as an organization; and

**Whereas**, after several more residency moves, the Sugar Creek church was organized officially as a Methodist Church on November 16, 1910, with Mrs. Dythe Allen, Miss Edna Anderson, Mrs. Effie A. Mallinson, Miss Anna Mallinson, Charles Mallinson, George Mallinson, Mrs. Gertie Mallinson, Roy Mallinson, George Smith, Mrs. Lillie Milliken, and Miss Grace Webb listed as charter members; and

**Whereas**, Sugar Creek United Methodist Church began negotiations in 1915 to purchase its building from Colonel Symonds and on April 22, 1917, the newly acquired building was dedicated by Bishop William A. Quayle with the Reverend Roland E. Darrow appointed as pastor on October 1, 1927, to begin the process of revitalizing the congregation, remodeling the building, and relocating the church to its current location at Norledge and Sterling; and

**Whereas**, Sugar Creek United Methodist Church has weathered numerous challenges down through the years and also is proud of its record of joyfully accepting women as ministers, including the current appointed Local Pastor, the Reverend Bonnie Menough; and

**Whereas**, Sugar Creek United Methodist Church steadfastly contributes to local community and greater societal needs through the venues of United Methodist Women, Epworth Children's Home, Spofford Home, Della Lamb Community Services, Hope House, SCCR Food Pantry, Christmas and Thanksgiving projects, and its Methodist Conference; and

**Whereas**, on Sunday afternoon, September 26, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the Celebration of the church's One Hundredth Anniversary, State Representative Ray Salva will present this courtesy resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives to Sugar Creek United Methodist Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive history of Sugar Creek United Methodist Church and to convey to its staff and members this legislative body's heartiest congratulations as they celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution and our sincerest best wishes for many more years of spiritual service to come; 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 Sugar Creek United Methodist Church.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Ray Salva  
 District No. 51

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. 4103, adopted September 16, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker