

House Resolution No. 3968

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions that admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Missouri, was founded on June 25, 1922, by the Reverend John W. Lee, Field Secretary of Colored Work for the Presbyterian Church USA, and more than forty African American residents affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Kansas City; and

Whereas, during its first year in existence, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church nearly doubled its membership and had the tremendous pleasure of baptizing two infants; and

Whereas, after meeting at such temporary sites as Adkins Hall for worship, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church purchased a building of its own on Paseo in 1925 and became an integral component of the local area through such venues of service and education as Bible classes, a Willing Workers Board, a Building Fund Committee, the Gleaners, Christian Endeavor, a Young Peoples Group, Junior Choir, Sabbath School, an annual Church Picnic, revivals, a drama outreach program known as Community Popularity Contest, Home Prayer, a Loyalty League, and Vacation Bible School; and

Whereas, noted for the wide range of interests, strengths, and professional accomplishments of its members, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church also has been deeply involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, foreign missions in Africa, remedial reading and mathematics tutoring, fair housing, civil rights, social and economic development, sports, interracial and interchurch activities, musical theater, and Presbytery leadership; and

Whereas, now located on Victor street, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church has been led down through the years by such outstanding ministers as Dr. W.H. Bruce, the Reverend James Jackson, the Reverend Mark Gibson, the Reverend Charles Gray, the Reverend Thomas McPhatter, the Reverend Willis Tabor, the Reverend James Olawaiye, Dr. Bailey, the Reverend Joan Campbell, the Reverend James Blair, the Reverend Sylvia Wilson, the Reverend Keith Harris, and the Reverend James W. Wilkins, all of whom brought their unique abilities, vision, and interests to the work of the church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; 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 Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
 Representative Shalonn "Kiki" Curls, No. 41
 District No. 41

 Representative Leonard Hughes, IV
 District No. 42

Representative Mike Talboy
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3968, adopted June 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker