

## House Resolution No. 4095

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize the Potosi Presbyterian Church, at 104 West Breton Street, in Potosi, Missouri, and its congregation, who are celebrating the Church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**Whereas**, the Presbyterian Church in Potosi was established on July 21, 1832, with six charter members; and

**Whereas**, the church building is considered to be the oldest standing Presbyterian Church building west of the Mississippi; and

**Whereas**, services were not held during the Civil War, but the Church did not disband, and the Church was re-established on October 4, 1866, and in 1868, the congregation established a Sunday School, Youth and Women's organizations; and

**Whereas**, the Church celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in the original building in 1907, but the congregation had already determined the need for a new building, and they commissioned the services of John A. Lankford to design the Church's new home; and

**Whereas**, the new Church was completed in 1909, and it is especially known for its beautiful stained-glass windows and magnificent pipe organ, which was installed in 1916; and

**Whereas**, after moving to the new building, the old building was used for a variety of activities: a meeting hall for the Boy Scouts and a basketball gym, and the first movies in the county were exhibited there; and

**Whereas**, during Potosi's 1963 bicentennial celebration, the building was used as a museum, and today it is occupied by the Mine Au Breton Historical Society:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Potosi on the auspicious occasion of their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to wish them all prosperity and success in the future; 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 Presbyterian Church of Potosi.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Belinda Harris  
District No. 110

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Representative J.C. Kuessner  
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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. 4095, adopted June 21, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker