

## House Resolution No. 4127

**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 organizations that admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Caledonia United Methodist Church in Washington County, Missouri, can trace its origins back to 1807 when the Reverend John Travis of Tennessee was assigned the Missouri Circuit, which included the towns of Caledonia and Potosi; and

**Whereas**, church records also indicate that Washington County resident William Woods and five women began Methodist classes in 1807 in Bellevue Valley; and

**Whereas**, mention of Methodist meetings first appear in Washington County Court records in 1814, the same year that the Shiloh meeting house was documented with a deed; and

**Whereas**, located on the grounds of the present Methodist cemetery on Highway 21, the Shiloh meeting house lasted until 1852 when the first brick church building was constructed within the village of Caledonia's city limits; and

**Whereas**, the fire of 1909 destroyed the Shiloh meeting house and most of the buildings on Main Street in Caledonia; and

**Whereas**, the current United Methodist Church building was begun in the fall of 1909, finished in 1911, and listed in the federal National Historical Registry of Historical Landmarks in 1986; and

**Whereas**, Caledonia United Methodist Church will observe its Two Hundredth Anniversary on Sunday, July 29, 2007:

**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 Caledonia United Methodist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of the founding of their 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 in honor of Caledonia United Methodist Church of Washington County, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

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. 4127, adopted June 27, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker