

## House Resolution No. 4295

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of men, women, and children in local communities through excellence in the spiritual and educational services they provide; and

**Whereas**, Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Seymour, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction since its founding one hundred sixteen years ago in 1891 by fourteen charter members; and

**Whereas**, Cumberland Presbyterian Church can trace its roots to the late 1800s when residents began gathering twice monthly in an old store; and

**Whereas**, after the formal formation of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the church obtained land in 1893 with construction of a church building completed shortly thereafter; and

**Whereas**, Cumberland Presbyterian Church has been guided by approximately twenty ministers, including the Reverend Wilbur Cravens, who served for nearly fifty years; and

**Whereas**, in 1993 the church's Centennial Celebration consisted of a basket dinner, musical entertainment, speakers, and a presentation of the history of the church thus far; and

**Whereas**, Cumberland Presbyterian Church realized in 2003 that its physical plant had deteriorated to the point to where something needed to be done; and

**Whereas**, thanks in large measure to contributions from Heartland Ministries of Sharpsville, Indiana, Cumberland Presbyterian Church was given a major renovation that included its auditorium, heating and cooling systems, kitchen, and restrooms; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of such outstanding Missouri churches as Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Seymour:

**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 garnered down through the years by Cumberland Presbyterian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they observe the One Hundred Sixteenth 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 for presentation to Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Seymour, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
District No. 145

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. 4295, adopted July 24, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker