

House Resolution No. 1416

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 Oakton United Methodist Church, which observed its one hundred-fiftieth anniversary in 2007; and

Whereas, Oakton United Methodist Church ministers to the community of Lamar, Missouri, and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, Oakton United Methodist Church is led by Larry Garfield, senior pastor, and Ken Garfield, associate pastor, who keep the vision of reaching out to others before the church; and

Whereas, Oakton United Methodist Church is especially appreciated for its ability to reach out to children and young people, and Whitney Madrigal, Director of Children's Ministries, and a large team of volunteers minister to all age levels of children; and

Whereas, Oakton United Methodist Church is also justifiably proud of its ability to reach out to those in need in a variety of other ways, including monthly financial support of the Good Samaritan Shop in Lamar and trips to Albania and Africa, where some of the members have personally ministered across cultural boundaries; and

Whereas, Oakton United Methodist Church has ambitious plans for the future, which include a 14,000-square-foot expansion this year, providing much needed classroom space and providing an area for children and youth activities:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Oakton United Methodist Church on the illustrious occasion of its one hundred-fiftieth anniversary, with our very best wishes for every 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 Oakton United Methodist Church.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ed Emery
 District No. 126

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1416, adopted April 1, 2008.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker