

House Resolution No. 2599

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious institutions that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their spiritual services; and

Whereas, Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri, was established on September 15, 1907; dedicated on January 5, 1908, as Reunion Presbyterian Church; and organized under the guidance of the Presbytery on Pentecost Sunday in 1908 with thirty-two charter members and an official church board comprised of Elders J.E. Garrett, P.T. Headlee, and A.H. Thompson; Deacons G.L. Alsup and E.O. Ruffin; and Trustees P.T. Headlee, E.W. DeCamp, and John Lime; and

Whereas, on May 18, 2008, Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church will celebrate its One Hundred Years of service to the greater Springfield community through a series of events that will include a "Hear the History" Sunday School class, a morning worship service, a noon picnic cook-out, an afternoon celebration service, and the taking of two group photos; and

Whereas, Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church was founded through the generosity of Calvary Presbyterian Church, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Second Presbyterian Church and has been lovingly and astutely guided by pastors W.C. Hicks, C.W. Smith, H.A. Schruder, C.J. Allen, John S. Stapleton, Dr. M.F. Cowden, Dr. Edwin W. Armstrong, T. Rolla Crowell, Fred Robb, Vincent Gray, Robert R. Watts, James Speese, Melvin Rogers, Duncan Crockett, Ben Judd, William F. Vance, and Gregory Watt Esselman; and

Whereas, when the original building at Florida and Franklin Streets was moved in 1912 to the corner of Atlantic and Douglas, the church adopted its current name of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church; and

Whereas, today's Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church is universally praised for meeting the needs of the Springfield community through its efforts with such programs as Sunday School; Deed's, Church Builders; Fellowship Classes; Choir; the Ladies Aid Society; the Isabella Guild; the Women's Missionary Society; the Young Women's Society; the Women of the Church; United Presbyterian Women; Presbyterian Women; Men's Club; Boy Scouts; the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; the Westminster Fellowship; and the Quilters:

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 Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment 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 Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Norr
District No. 137

Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

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. 2599, adopted May 5, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker