

House Resolution No. 3587

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 Lebanon Baptist Church, in Bloomsdale, Missouri, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary on September 21, 2008; and

Whereas, built in 1833 by John Lee, who donated the land which was covered in cedar trees reminiscent of the Biblical cedars of Lebanon, the Lebanon Baptist Church began as a log house of worship; and

Whereas, over the years the church has served both Methodists and Baptists and also served as a subscription school, and John Lee was the first teacher of the school which had twenty scholars; and

Whereas, in 1860, a frame house for worship was built, and today there is a Prayer Garden with the original stones hewn for the original church in front of the old stile-block, inviting anyone who wishes to commune with God; and

Whereas, Lebanon Baptist Church has the honor of having sent the second female missionary from Missouri to a foreign country, when Miss Cynthia E. Morris was appointed as Missionary on December 7, 1885, and sailed for Lagos, Nigeria; and

Whereas, for 175 years, Lebanon Baptist Church has had three church buildings, the first, a log structure, then the frame building, and the last, the current sanctuary, was built in 1957; and

Whereas, Lebanon Baptist Church has started at least five mission churches, including the Selma Baptist Church, which is still operating under the name Selma American Baptist; and

Whereas, since 1910, Lebanon Baptist Church has licensed or ordained over twenty-five men to preach and more than twenty-five others have been ordained as Deacons of the Church:

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 Lebanon Baptist Church on the illustrious occasion of its 175th anniversary, with our most heartfelt best wishes for many more happy and prosperous years to come; 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 Lebanon Baptist Church in Bloomsdale, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Joseph Fallert, Jr.
District No. 104

Representative Ron Casey
District No. 103

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. 3587, adopted July 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker