

## House Resolution No. 3570

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State religious organizations that admirably enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of the spiritual services they provide; and

**Whereas**, Bluff Springs United Methodist Church was built in 1868 as "The Big White Church" with the Reverend James Penn as the first minister and a congregation made up of early settlers from Virginia and Kentucky; and

**Whereas**, soon renamed as the Bluff Springs Church Methodist Episcopal South, Bluff Springs United Methodist Church is located on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Newton Boulware with additional land given by William J. and Mary Jane Carskadon and Mr. Willis Gorrell for use as a cemetery; and

**Whereas**, Bluff Springs United Methodist Church took its current name in 1968 after joining with the Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

**Whereas**, on the eve of its One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary, Bluff Springs United Methodist Church is led by the Reverend Barb Hagerla as minister, Elaine Gorrell as Sunday School Superintendent, Nancy Barry and Rose Morehouse as children's teachers, Dorothy Higbee as the adult teacher, DeLorus Leftwich as secretary/treasurer, Rose Morehouse as organist, Administrative Council Chairman Howard Higbee, Vice Chair Nancy Barry, Secretary Elaine Gorrell, Treasurer Rose Morehouse, Trustee Chairman Nancy Barr, Trustee Vice Chair Elaine Gorrell, Trustee Treasurer Howard Higbee, Trustee Secretary Dorothy Higbee, and Trustee members Rose Morehouse, C.W. Higbee, DeLorus Leftwich, Kathleen Ruddick, and Thelma Waples; and

**Whereas**, Bluff Springs United Methodist Church has made numerous improvements to its facilities down through the years, including moving Keystone Church to the west of the present church building, adding a memorial church bell and an outdoor brick and stainless steel sign, hanging a walnut cross in the sanctuary, and raising a flag pole dedicated by the Canton American Legion Otto Bruner Post #170 and the Kahoka Herman Bloom Post 192:

**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 Bluff Springs United Methodist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful One Hundred Fortieth Anniversary celebration on July 12, 2008; 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 Bluff Springs United Methodist Church of Clark County, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Brian Munzlinger  
 District No. 1

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. 3570, adopted July 7, 2008.

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 Rod Jetton, Speaker