

House Resolution No. 4253

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

Whereas, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri can trace its roots to the Baptist church that was founded in 1858 northeast of town on what is now the Maurice Guess farm; and

Whereas, on October 5, 2008, the current members of The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri will celebrate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the church with a festive gathering that will be held at the church's new facilities; and

Whereas, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri is a historic church that is justifiably proud to provide a ministry for today and a vision for tomorrow; and

Whereas, although much of its early history has been lost to the passage of time and what history remains gives a sense of the difficulties faced by the young church, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri prospered throughout much of the twentieth century; and

Whereas, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri waited until 1898 to apply for, and get approval of, its incorporation with the state of Missouri as an organized religious body; and

Whereas, after moving from rural Athens Township into the town of Albany in 1872, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri was destroyed by a tornado in 1883, was rebuilt in 1884, and then purchased the former Methodist Episcopal Church in 1920; and

Whereas, after successfully weathering the Great Depression, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri recognized the need for a parsonage, an annex to house its educational programs, renovation of its sanctuary, and upgrades to its music equipment; and

Whereas, after increasing the scope of its ministries, The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri found itself with the pleasant problem of needing to replace its aging and well-worn facilities with a new building whose construction was begun in 2006 after extensive and well-thought-out preparations:

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 The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Sesquicentennial Anniversary celebration; 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 The First Baptist Church of Albany Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

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. 4253, adopted September 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker