

House Resolution No.

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 Immanuel Lutheran Church, of Lockwood, Missouri, which is observing its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, September 16, 2007; and

Whereas, the celebration will feature former members on organ and flute, a brass ensemble, adult and children's choirs, and a special speaker, Dr. James Kalthoff, former Missouri District President of the LCMS, with a dinner following in the Family of Life Center, and among the honored guests will be three grandchildren of charter member William Von Stroh, Raymond Von Stroh, Melvin Kluhsman, and Mary Boehne Cook; and

Whereas, in February 1882, pioneers of Immanuel congregation left Washington County, Illinois, in search of a new home in the "West", and they found on the edge of a vast fertile prairie a small village known as Lockwood, Missouri; and

Whereas, at that time, the nearest Lutheran pastor was Reverend J.E. Roschke of Freistatt, who traveled on primitive roads to preach and minister the Sacraments, and with fewer than fifteen charter members, who met that first time on September 17, 1882, in the home of William Von Stroh, a congregation was established along with a school; and

Whereas, the first church building, a wooden structure, was built in 1883, replaced later by a brick structure in 1904, and in 1951 a stand-alone school was constructed; and

Whereas, the present edifice was dedicated in November 1967, and a day care and preschool were added, and a Family Life Center was dedicated in 1999; and

Whereas, from these modest beginnings, the congregation has grown to 675 baptized and 529 Communicant members, eleven enrolled students in the preschool, and seventy-two students in the kindergarten-through-eighth-grade parochial school:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pastor Reverend Gary Griffin, and Acting Principal Judy MacLean on the illustrious occasion of the Immanuel Lutheran Church's one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary; 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 Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Offered by _____
 Representative Ed Emery
 District No. 126

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker