

By: Wray

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The members of First United Methodist Church  
2 Waxahachie are celebrating the 170th anniversary of their church's  
3 founding on June 9, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, This venerable religious institution can trace its  
5 origins back to 1849, when the Reverend Falacius Reynolds organized  
6 a formal Methodist society in Waxahachie; three years later, the  
7 congregation built its first sanctuary on what is now East Franklin  
8 Street, and a second building was soon constructed on the adjoining  
9 lot; after nearly four decades, the church found a new home on  
10 College Street, where it remained for more than half a century, and  
11 in 1950, it moved to its current location on West Marvin Avenue; in  
12 2000, the church added a 24,000-square-foot family life center to  
13 its campus; and

14           WHEREAS, Over the years, First United Methodist Church  
15 Waxahachie has benefited from the dedicated efforts of many  
16 outstanding pastors, including the Reverend Dr. Kevin Tully, who  
17 leads the congregation today; and

18           WHEREAS, First United Methodist Church Waxahachie has long  
19 served as a source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship  
20 there, and its continued existence is a testament to the unwavering  
21 commitment of its members and clergy, both past and present; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 170th anniversary of First

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1 United Methodist Church Waxahachie and extend to the congregation  
2 sincere best wishes for many more years of shared prayer and  
3 fellowship; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.