

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 222

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church upon the historic occasion of its one hundredth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commemorate the historic occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church in Scotlandville; and

WHEREAS, in the early years of the last century no Methodist church existed in Scotlandville, and a group of Methodists in that community would walk to worship each Sunday morning at a church in the neighboring community of Baker; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, this devout group decided to bring a Methodist church to Scotlandville and began meeting in the home of James and Mary Bradford on Marsh Street to plan the church's establishment; and

WHEREAS, with the guidance of Reverend Amos M. Taylor of Thompson Chapel in Baker and Reverend J. A. Landry, district superintendent, the founding group of ten Scotlandville residents established in 1917 the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church, the forerunner of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the church's present name was bestowed upon it in 1922 in honor of Bishop A. P. Camphor, a Louisiana-born minister and missionary; and

WHEREAS, also in 1922, Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church moved to its current location at the corner of Scenic Highway and Teal Street; in that year, under the direction of Reverend Walter Scott Chinn, the church building was rolled to that location from the church's original site on Stilt Street; and

WHEREAS, in its century of existence, Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church has not only met the spiritual needs of its congregation, but has been a leading institution in civil rights and social justice as well; and

WHEREAS, Camphor currently serves its congregation and the community through an outreach center which provides food and clothing to the needy and through programs such as Sisters Supporting Sisters, a support group for breast cancer patients and survivors, and Daughters of Naomi, which teaches life skills to girls; the church is also planning to hold a workshop to teach men about ways to help their wives through illness; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred years, Camphor's congregants have steadfastly put faith into action to transform their community and the world, and to bespeak the love of Jesus Christ, the light of the world; and

WHEREAS, the joyous occasion of the centennial of this church merits a special measure of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church in Scotlandville upon the historic occasion of its one hundredth anniversary, does hereby record for posterity the rich and wonderful history of the church, and does hereby extend best wishes for the church's continued vitality in its second century as it shares the Good News and celebrates God's grace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Clifton C. Conrad, pastor of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES