

House Resolution 56 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

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1 A Resolution to recognize the Trinity United Methodist
2 Church building in Des Moines on its centennial.

3 WHEREAS, for over a century Trinity United Methodist
4 Church has been a part of the Riverbend community of
5 Des Moines, acting as a witness for peace and social
6 justice and a haven for compassion, feeding both body
7 and soul of those in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, Trinity United has been a place of worship,
9 a place of Christian education, and a place where
10 diverse people are surrounded by a community of love
11 and are sent out into the world to put their faith into
12 action; and

13 WHEREAS, Trinity United embraces three ministries,
14 including the Trinity United Methodist Church, Las
15 Americas Comunidad de Fe, and Children and Family
16 Urban Ministries; and

17 WHEREAS, these three ministries offer a variety of
18 community programs, including a prison ministry and an
19 English-as-a-second-language program; and

20 WHEREAS, feeding both the body and soul is most
21 evident in the daily work of these ministries, where
22 every day some 300 people come through the doors,
23 some for a before-school breakfast or an after-school
24 program for children and youth, some to learn English,
25 some to attend a citizenship class, and some to simply
26 get a wholesome meal in these hard times where the
27 daily free supper which normally serves around 120
28 persons now serves as many as 170 persons; and

1 WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church can best
2 be summed up in the words of one parishioner, "Trinity
3 continues to go out of its way to be a beacon and a
4 refuge [bringing]... hope to those without hope, joy
5 to the sorrowful [and] relief to the marginalized of
6 society"; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
8 the House of Representatives honors the centennial of
9 the Trinity United Methodist Church building as it
10 begins its second century of service, and urges the
11 people of Des Moines to join the Trinity Centennial
12 Celebration, June 11 and 12, 2011, at the landmark
13 church, located at the corner of College and 8th
14 Streets in Des Moines.