

Senate Resolution 169

By: Senator Dean of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Aragon United Methodist Church on its Centennial Celebration; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Aragon United Methodist Church has a long and distinguished history since its
4 founding in the spring of 1901 under the leadership of Reverend W.A. Harris, Pastor of the
5 Rockmart-Bethlehem Circuit in the North Georgia Conference; and

6 WHEREAS, in late 1901, the first building was completed on the highest ground in the
7 village and Reverend J.Q. Watts was the first Pastor and Reverend W.F. Glenn was the first
8 Presiding Elder (today termed District Superintendent); and

9 WHEREAS, the second Pastor was Reverend B.P. Read and he was followed by R. P. Tatum
10 in 1909, whose revivals produced a significant increase in new memberships; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1910, the mill was sold by Wilcott, White, and Campbell to the A.D. Julliard
12 Company and Mr. Redmond became the superintendent and J.R. Turner became the Pastor
13 and stayed for five years, one of the longest tenure of Aragon's 51 Pastors; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1919, the Board of Stewards exchanged the lot behind the church for one
15 adjoining it and constructed the first parsonage occupied by Reverend Poarch and serving
16 future Pastors for the next 76 years; and

17 WHEREAS, on April 19, 1926, the church burned but a vigorous building committee
18 constructed a new church that was dedicated on November 7, 1926; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1939, the name of the congregation was modified as the Methodist Episcopal
20 South reunited with the Northern Church and was changed again in 1968 as the Methodist
21 Church merged with Evangelical United Brethren to form the United Methodist Church; and

1 WHEREAS, during World War II, the Pastor was Paul Stokes, who preached in both Aragon
2 and Yorkville, and a youth revival in 1944 brought 12 young people into the church and
3 Sunday school rooms were added to the church and were well used; and

4 WHEREAS, under the pastorate of Reverend Fletcher Andrews, Boy Scouting came to
5 Aragon in 1951, and he calmed an agitated community during a period of labor unrest; and

6 WHEREAS, an education wing was added to the church in 1955 as the congregation grew,
7 and in 1965 Reverend Sven Mossinger, the only Spanish speaking pastor in an English
8 speaking pulpit within the conference, presided over the church and was a civic leader; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 2, 1985, the church burned for a second time, but a new church
10 building was dedicated debt free on June 28, 1987, and a new parsonage that was among the
11 finest in the North Georgia Conference was constructed in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, this great church has a wonderful history of spiritual leaders who have inspired
13 the members of the congregation and created an atmosphere of understanding, hope, and
14 goodwill that has benefited countless Georgians.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
16 recognize and honor Aragon United Methodist Church on the momentous occasion of its
17 centennial celebration and convey their respect for the exemplary tradition of service.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Aragon United Methodist Church.