

House Resolution 1582

By: Representative Cole of the 125<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Monticello First United Methodist Church; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Monticello First United Methodist Church was founded originally in 1809,  
3 and meetings were held in members' homes and under brush arbors; and

4 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of those devout  
5 worshipers have blossomed into a landmark institution under the guiding hands and heart of  
6 its current shepherd, Pastor John M. Brown, Jr., who answered the call to service and  
7 leadership in 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of  
9 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through  
10 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

11 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by this church as it continues to grow  
12 and lead people worldwide to experience the fullness of their ordained destiny in Christ Jesus  
13 is a source of strength, inspiration, and direction for persons of all walks of life and from all  
14 economic strata; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that during this time of celebration of the  
16 200th anniversary of the church's founding, this enduring example of God's message of peace  
17 and love be recognized for its innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in  
18 need.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body commend the Monticello First United Methodist Church for the  
21 two centuries of steadfast, unselfish, and loving service to the people of this state and extend  
22 to the congregation their best wishes for continued growth and service to the community.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor John M. Brown, Jr.