

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

By Rinks

A RESOLUTION congratulating the members of the Mt. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church upon the celebration of their Church's 175th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflinching capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Mt. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church, McNairy County's oldest Cumberland Presbyterian Church, comprise one such congregation, and they will observe their Church's 175th Anniversary on August 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized in the Houston home located on what is now McMahan Road in Ramer; the Church was established in 1832; and

WHEREAS, in 1870, the John M. Hamm family gave land on Mt. Vernon Road to the church, which erected a white clapboard building; in 1904, Mr. A.B. Hamm donated a bell that was rung each Sunday before church services and before funerals; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, the old clapboard church was replaced by a new brick building; additions through the years include a manse to house the minister and his family next door to the present Church building, a new wing, central heat and air conditioning, carpet, a paved parking lot, and paved sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Reverend E. G. Sims, who will deliver the morning sermon on the day of the anniversary celebration, Mt. Vernon has served as home to three other ministers, whose roots were in the Church, the late Rev. Emmett Ramer, the late Rev. J. W. Dancer, and the late Rev. Julian Maxedon; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, the Mt. Vernon homecoming has been held on the first Sunday in August; the good people of Mt. Vernon are greatly looking forward to having Rev. Sims come home to preach on August 5; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church has significantly contributed to the social, cultural, and spiritual vitality of the Ramer community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor congratulate the congregation of Mt. Vernon Cumberland Presbyterian Church upon the celebration of their Church's 175th anniversary, and we thank the members of this venerable congregation for their faithful service to God, their community, and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.