

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 716

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the pastor and congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church on the celebration of their church's fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the many fine churches across this State constitute an institutional foundation for an orderly and just society for all Tennesseans, and their dedicated service to God and humanity is the bedrock upon which our State and nation are founded; and

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

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is All Saints' Episcopal Church, whose members celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on November 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, while the church as a parish marked its fiftieth anniversary, the roots of the congregation can be traced back to 1894, when the first Episcopal Church in Morristown was admitted to the union with the East Tennessee Diocese; in 1906, the church was renamed All Saints' Episcopal Church, and Reverend Dwight Cameron became the church's first rector; and

WHEREAS, a fire and declining congregation temporarily stalled the church's progress in the 1920s and 1930s; in 1934, the church reopened under the leadership of Reverend Elton Sauls and by 1969 had grown large enough to become its own parish; and

WHEREAS, a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, All Saints' Episcopal Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Reverend Mark Holland and the congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church upon the celebration of the church's fiftieth anniversary and extend our best wishes for the church's continued success and growth in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.