

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 150TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Epworth United Methodist Church ("Epworth"), located in the tenth district, is a multi-ethnic, diverse, reconciling, faith community committed to following Jesus by loving God and their neighbor; and,

WHEREAS, Epworth recently celebrated its 150th anniversary as a church in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, among its many services, Epworth also cares for the homeless and provides shelter for 65 homeless men, 365 days a year; and,

WHEREAS, for over twenty-four years, Epworth has hosted the overnight shelter as a vital part of outreach to the Edgewater and Andersonville neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Epworth is recognized as a mission church, and hosts mission groups across the country to do service work in the Chicago metropolitan area, to providing for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and raising money to end hunger and poverty; and,

WHEREAS, following their Wesleyan heritage, Epworth seeks to meet the needs of marginalized communities and end system problems by participating in social justice work; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Donald Guest presides over Epworth United Method Church and is an avid advocate for racial justice, LGBTQ+ equality and human rights; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County celebrate Epworth United Methodist Church's 150th Year Anniversary.