

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DANTZLER MEMORIAL  
2 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE  
3 OCCASION OF THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH.

4 WHEREAS, 2002 is a very exciting year in the life of Dantzler  
5 Memorial United Methodist Church in Moss Point, Mississippi, as  
6 the church recognizes a year-long celebration of its  
7 Sesqui-centennial; and

8 WHEREAS, This church was organized in 1852 as the First  
9 Protestant Church in Moss Point, Mississippi. The present  
10 building was erected in 1914 by the children of Sarah Eran  
11 Dantzler in her memory. The membership is composed of 415 caring  
12 individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, the first place of worship was a log house located  
14 near the corner of Magnolia Street and Bellview Avenue. By the  
15 year 1856, a new sanctuary was built. It was located at the  
16 corner of Dantzler and Jackson Street. In the year 1869, a new  
17 sanctuary was built on the corner of Church Street and Dantzler  
18 Street. A beautiful new sanctuary building was built in 1882. It  
19 was located between the present sanctuary and the old parsonage.  
20 It was then and is still today considered to be one of the most  
21 beautiful sanctuaries on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1852, the church was organized as the East  
23 Pascagoula Methodist Church and was connected to the Mobile  
24 District of the Alabama Methodist Conference. The name was  
25 changed in 1866 to Bay Shore Methodist Church, in 1870, it was  
26 changed to East Pascagoula Methodist Church of the Seashore  
27 District of the Mississippi Methodist Conference, in the year of



28 1876, it became the Moss Point Methodist Episcopal Church, South.  
29 The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Protestant Church,  
30 and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South united in April 1939 and  
31 formed the Methodist Church; almost thirty years later, the  
32 Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united  
33 forming the United Methodist Church, and this church became  
34 Dantzler Memorial United Methodist Church; and

35 WHEREAS, since this church's "birth", it has experienced many  
36 changes, but through it all, the Church has endeavored to provide  
37 a place of worship where individuals could grow closer to God; and

38 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the  
39 Sesqui-centennial celebration of this church which has given so  
40 much to its members, its community and to the State of  
41 Mississippi:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
43 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Dantzler  
44 Memorial United Methodist Church in Moss Point, Mississippi, upon  
45 the occasion of the Sesqui-centennial celebration of the church,  
46 and extend to its members the best wishes of the Senate.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
48 the Rev. Fred S. Britton representing the entire church, and be  
49 made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

