

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.

