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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives would like to recognize Pawnee Methodist Church on the occasion of its 165th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The first Methodist class was established in 1852 by pastor Rev. A. Bradshaw; the congregation met in the home of the Bridges family from 1852 to 1857 before it was moved to the Oak Hill School; and

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WHEREAS, The first Methodist church, a small one-room building, was built in 1857 at the corner of what is now First and Jefferson Streets in Pawnee; and

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WHEREAS, Sunday school enrollment grew from 20 in 1865 to 137 in 1902; plans were made to build a new church and parsonage at the corner of what is now Sixth and Washington Streets, where the church is presently located; and

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WHEREAS, On May 28, 1967, ground was broken for a new education building, which was dedicated on January 28, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, On July 18, 1976, the congregation voted to tear down the old church and build a new sanctuary; ground was

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1 broken in August of 1977 and, in December of 1978, the
2 congregation moved into the new sanctuary that connected to the
3 education building; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the years, Pawnee Methodist Church has gone
5 through many changes and looks forward to what the future
6 holds; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 recognize the 165th anniversary of Pawnee Methodist Church, and
10 we wish it many more wonderful years; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Pawnee Methodist Church as a symbol of our respect
13 and esteem.