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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A RESOLUTION commemorating the Meese Chapel Methodist Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Whereas, The Meese Chapel Methodist Church is celebrating its 100th birthday;

Whereas, The original church was built in 1895 by a Church of God congregation and was known as the Lockwood Church of God in honor of James Lockwood, who helped build the church;

Whereas, The land for the church was donated by W. S. Dancer, who designated that the land be used only for a church;

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Whereas, The congregation of the Lockwood Church of God soon fell upon hard times, and the mortgage on the church was sold to the Methodist Church;

Whereas, Meese Chapel, named after a famous area evangelist, Reverend William Meese, was dedicated on October 20, 1899;

Whereas, Reverend Meese was one of DeKalb's most colorful characters;

Whereas, Reverend Meese was known as the "marrying parson" because he performed more weddings than any other pastor in the county; and

Whereas, The Meese Chapel Methodist Church has played an important role in the development of DeKalb County: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 congratulate the congregation of the Meese Chapel Methodist Church
3 on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.
4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the pastor of the
6 Meese Chapel Methodist Church.

