

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 200th anniversary of Hope United Methodist  
2 Church, formerly known as Salem United Methodist Church.

3 WHEREAS, Hope United Methodist Church, formerly known as  
4 Salem United Methodist Church, in Mechanicsburg is the location  
5 of the historic Salem Chapel; and

6 WHEREAS, The history of Salem Chapel can be traced as far  
7 back as 1818, when the Salem Meeting House was erected on land  
8 then known as the Stayman farm; and

9 WHEREAS, Salem Chapel was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal  
10 Church for \$100 in 1882, making Salem Chapel the oldest  
11 Methodist church building in regular use in the Cumberland  
12 Valley; and

13 WHEREAS, Historical records show that the Confederate Army  
14 fired artillery from the churchyard in 1863; and

15 WHEREAS, Salem Chapel was closed in 1922 and was reopened in  
16 1953 by members of the Wesley United Methodist Church in  
17 Mechanicsburg; and

1       WHEREAS, In 1997, a new sanctuary was built for regular  
2 Sunday services, and the Salem Chapel continues to be used for  
3 many special services; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
5 200th anniversary of Hope United Methodist Church, formerly  
6 known as Salem United Methodist Church.