

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By Beck

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dalewood United Methodist Church on the occasion of its sixty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the faithful members of Dalewood United Methodist Church comprise one such congregation, and they are celebrating the sixty-fifth anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, Dalewood United Methodist Church was established in East Nashville on April 29, 1950, with 126 charter members; and

WHEREAS, the first unit of the church, now known as Langford Hall, was completed in eleven months and held their church services; and

WHEREAS, continued growth of the church necessitated the construction of a Sunday school building in 1953; and

WHEREAS, after tremendous grace, fortitude, charity, and faith shown by the members of the congregation, Reverend Robert Langford conducted the first service in a newly completed sanctuary in 1959; and

WHEREAS, the sanctuary of the church is well known throughout East Nashville for its rocketship steeple; and

WHEREAS, Dalewood United Methodist Church has greatly benefited from the deep and abiding faith of numerous prominent and distinguished ministers over the years, including Robert Langford (1956–1959), Virgil Tips (1959–1961), Ewing Sanford Weakley (1961–1966), Luke Earl Fuqua (1966–1971), Jay Robert Parks (1971–1975), R. Fenton Warren (1975–1978),

Billy Ray Panter (1978–1981), James F. Swiney (1982–1984), A. Lynn Hill (1985–1990), James David Miller (1990–1994), Stuart Nunelly (1994–1995), Michael E. Williams (1995–1997), Jeffery Russell Foster (1997–2001), Hubert Dale Cunningham (2001–2005), Robert Webster (2005–2011), and Brian Rossbert (2011–2013); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Pastor Kyle Frohock was called to guide Dalewood United Methodist Church, and he has served the congregation with the greatest integrity and utmost probity, earning the respect and admiration of the congregation for his deep sense of Christian belief; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Frohock leads a dedicated staff who are committed to serving their community through Christ, including Secretary JoAnn Goens, Minister of Music Shannon Dilks, Minister to Families with Children and Preschool Director Lisa Johnson, Custodian John Lyon, Minister to Families with Youth Cory Martin, Musical Accompanist Abbey Ray, and Leadership Council Chair F. E. Walker; and

WHEREAS, since the time of its humble beginnings, this vital and committed community of faith has successfully endeavored to live out its vision of ministry and service to God and humankind; and

WHEREAS, Dalewood United Methodist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief and love for sixty-five years, turning faith into service in East Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Dalewood United Methodist Church is one of the truly homegrown institutions of Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor this religious institution and its members as they commemorate this significant milestone in their existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the members of Dalewood United Methodist Church on the occasion of the church's sixty-fifth anniversary and extend to that congregation our best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.