

No. R-210. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Puffer United Methodist Church of Morrisville on its bicentennial anniversary.

(H.C.R.159)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the history of the Puffer United Methodist Church began in 1813 when Comfort Olds served as class leader at worship services at private homes in Morristown, and

Whereas, in 1839, the congregation built a Methodist Church at Morristown Corners, and

Whereas, a committee on missions was established in 1857 to support local and foreign missionary activity, and

Whereas, in 1872, the congregation relocated to Upper Main Street in Morrisville and worshipped in the Old Christian Church, and

Whereas, in 1874, a more permanent home was established for the congregation, then known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, when a small chapel was built in Morrisville, and

Whereas, during the 1870s and 1880s, the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church continued to increase, and in 1888, under the leadership of the Reverend William R. Puffer, the chapel was moved back on the building's lot to facilitate the addition of a new sanctuary, and

Whereas, in the late 1800s, the congregation voted to honor the Reverend William R. Puffer when it named the church the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, in 1911, the Puffer United Methodist Church installed a pipe organ, a choir loft, and additional stained glass windows, adding new sources of music and beauty to its worship, and

Whereas, the congregation built a new sanctuary on the site in 1970, and

Whereas, during the 1980s, the Puffer Child Care Center and the Lamoille Food Share were each initiated at the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, for 40 years, the Wee Explorers Preschool has been based at the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 200 years since Comfort Olds served as Class Leader at worship services in Morristown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Puffer United Methodist Church of Morrisville on its bicentennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Puffer United Methodist Church in Morrisville.