

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Wesley United Methodist Church on the 157th Anniversary of its founding.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge on the
3 occasion of its 157th anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, in May of 1866, Mr. William D. Mann purchased a plot of land in a
5 historic section of Baton Rouge called Beauregard Town for the purpose of erecting a
6 church; and

7 WHEREAS, on this site, the original Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church
8 was built by the labor and efforts of the church's founders, becoming the first Methodist
9 church independent of a white church in Baton Rouge; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Louisiana Genealogy
11 and History, in 1889, the basement of the church began its use by the Blundon School and
12 Orphanage to serve "impoverished colored children", educating children during the day and
13 adults at night, and thereby adding to its meaningful history; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1939, the church changed its name to Wesley Methodist Church and
15 continued to grow and thrive for the benefit of its membership as an important social
16 institution in south Baton Rouge; and

17 WHEREAS, although the church's original structure served the community for eighty
18 years enduring through fire, storms, and time, by 1966, the congregation had grown so large

