HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4605, by Representative Santos

1 WHEREAS, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, originally 2 established as the Seattle Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church on 3 January 28, 1904, has faithfully served its members and the broader 4 community for 120 years; and

5 WHEREAS, The church began as a Japanese language ministry to 6 Japanese immigrants, with its Issei members developing and nurturing 7 an English language division for subsequent generations; and

8 WHEREAS, The church has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to 9 spiritual growth, community service, and social justice throughout 10 its history; and

11 WHEREAS, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church provided 12 critical support to Japanese immigrants arriving in our state, 13 offering temporary housing, job information, English classes, and 14 other essential services; and

15 WHEREAS, The church actively opposed anti-Japanese discrimination 16 through education, legal strategies, and community outreach, and 17 served as a place of support and community during the forced 18 incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II; and

19 WHEREAS, The church has adapted and innovated through the 20 decades, continuing its mission through the Great Depression, World 21 War II, and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, The church has been a welcoming and inclusive community, 23 committed to serving all in love;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
hereby recognize and celebrate the 120th anniversary of Blaine
Memorial United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express our deep gratitude for the church's continuing work to build a welcoming and inclusive community where all are accepted and celebrated.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4605 adopted by the House of Representatives January 23, 2025

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk