

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;

