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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF
THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE BIRTH OF ALEXANDER CAMPBELL**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, Alexander Campbell was an acknowledged leader of that 19th century reformation movement which eventually became Christian Churches, Churches of Christ, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

WHEREAS, Alexander Campbell gave wide exposure to the views on Christian unity and the reformation of the church as expounded by himself and others by means of his publication, the Millennial Harbinger, through the founding of Bethany College, and by public discourse, dialogue and travels; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Campbell served as president of the American Christian Missionary Society (now incorporated in the Division of Homeland Ministries and the Division of Overseas Ministries) from its founding in 1849 until his death in 1866; and

WHEREAS, September 12, 1988 will mark the bicentennial of the birth of Alexander Campbell;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the year 1988 be designated as a time to reflect upon the insights, wisdom and contributions of Alexander Campbell to the life and teaching of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and that the year 1988 also be a time for the planning and execution of such celebrative occasions as may seem appropriate for congregations, regions and units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).