

House Resolution 1454

By: Representative Bell of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Walnut Fork Baptist Church on its 200th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Walnut Fork Baptist Church proudly celebrates its 200 year history of spiritual
- 3 comfort and service to its congregation and the people of Jackson County; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on May 29, 1802, at the home of Joseph Thompson, Sr., in Jackson County, the
- 5 following men and women formed a church for the purpose of religious worship:

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| 6 | Males | Females |
| 7 | Joseph Thompson, Sr. | Winford Cole |
| 8 | Jacob Cole | Ann Thompson |
| 9 | Littleberry Epperson | Mary Cochran |
| 10 | William Bennett | Agnes Clements |
| 11 | Culimen Clements | Hannah Bennett |
| 12 | Joseph Thompson, Jr. | Nancy Epperson |
| 13 | John Watts | Judy Watts |
| 14 | | Joannah Clements |

- 15 WHEREAS, the church met at Watts Mill House until March 12, 1803, when the first church
- 16 was built; William Johnston became the first pastor on May 6, 1803; the first two deacons
- 17 were Jacob Cole and Culimen Clements; and Joseph Thompson, Jr. was the first clerk; and
- 18 WHEREAS, these church members and their leaders have contributed their talents and
- 19 energy to the greater community as farmers, educators, businessmen and businesswomen,
- 20 military service men and women, public service personnel, and political and religious figures
- 21 and the bicentennial celebration of Walnut Fork Baptist Church is a tremendous source of
- 22 pride.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body recognizes the 200th anniversary of Walnut Fork Baptist Church and conveys to
3 this great church its appreciation, respect, and best wishes for its history and good works.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Walnut Fork Baptist
6 Church.