

Senate Resolution 1000

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the First Baptist Church of Pelham; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Pelham had its beginning under a brush arbor in
3 1876, with the Reverend W.H. Hoggard as its pastor, and it was officially organized on
4 February 3, 1877, with 12 charter members; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the church has occupied its present sanctuary since 1905, with additions and
6 renovations over the years to accommodate a growing congregation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, through the years, members of the church have endeavored to be of service, and
8 the ministries of the church include starting a mission church in 1902 known as the East
9 Pelham Baptist Church and commissioning missionaries to serve throughout the world,
10 including the Reverend Clint and Delores Kimbaugh to Brazil, Mary Cannon to Japan,
11 Armond and Naoko Jalbert to Japan, and Mark and Martha Jane Grossman to Kenya; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the church has ordained 18 persons to the gospel ministry and eight to the music
13 ministry; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the church has been the beneficiary of the ministry of many good pastors,
15 including the Reverend Thomas A. Barrow, the Reverend Eugene Eller, the Reverend James
16 P. Sheffield, the Reverend William Perry, the Reverend David John Hailey, and Dr. W. Hal
17 Hunter, and Dr. Hunter was elected Pastor Emeritus of the church after many years of
18 faithful service; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church is presently served by the Reverend Kim Grueser,
20 Senior Pastor, and the Reverend Andrew Chaffer, Associate Pastor and minister of music,
21 and these men bring youthful enthusiasm and new methods of ministry to help the church
22 serve its members and the community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 commend the First Baptist Church of Pelham on its long and illustrious history of service.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Kim Grueser.