

House Resolution 468

By: Representatives Lunsford of the 109th and Jenkins of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Dr. Benny Tate; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Benny Tate has been the esteemed pastor of Rock Springs Church in
3 Milner, Georgia, since 1990; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his presence has caused remarkable changes in the church and in the
5 community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1990, upon Dr. Tate's arrival, attendance at Sunday morning worship service
7 at Rock Springs Church numbered about 30 people, and today there are about 500 worshipers
8 each Sunday morning; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during the decade of Dr. Tate's leadership, a \$500,000.00 multipurpose building
10 was built debt free, and the church is in the planning stages of a 1,000 seat auditorium; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Rock Springs Church is now the largest church in the Congregational Methodist
12 denomination; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has reached out to the community around the church through
14 implementation of various outreach ministries, through radio broadcasts of his messages, and
15 through his own volunteer activities, which include service as the Chappell Mill Fire Station
16 chaplain, a Georgia Youth Camp board member, the Georgia Annual Conference president,
17 a Mission Board member, and a Wesley College Advisor Board member; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate and Rock Springs Church have been the subject of feature articles
19 published in the Barnesville *Herald Gazette*, the Congregational Methodist *Messenger*, the
20 Griffin *Daily News*, and the Jackson *Progress Argus*; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate himself has written contributing articles for such publications as the
2 Barnesville *Herald Gazette*, *CP/R Notes*, the Congregational Methodist *Messenger*, *Great*
3 *Stories*, and the *Griffin Daily News*; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate is a graduate of Andersonville Baptist College and Covington
5 Seminary; and

6 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Barbara Roberts Tate, have been married for 17 years
7 and are the loving parents of seven year-old Savannah Abigail.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body honor and commend Dr. Benny Tate, pastor of Rock Springs
10 Church for his significant contributions to the church, his community, and the State of
11 Georgia.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Benny Tate.