

House Resolution 580

By: Representative Campbell of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the Zion Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Zion Missionary Baptist Church has enjoyed a long and honorable history
3 within the community of Roswell; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2001, the congregation of Zion Missionary Baptist church will
5 celebrate the dedication of a new church building; and
- 6 WHEREAS, this joyful occasion will undoubtedly be a day of remembrance of times past
7 and a day to honor the intrepid faith of the church's forebears; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the church was first organized in 1871 by a small group of dedicated Christians
9 and the first church was a one-room structure which also housed a school; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1885, the original church was destroyed by fire; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the faithful members rebuilt the church and the congregation began to grow;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, that church building was torn down in October, 1963, and a new building was
14 dedicated in 1964; and
- 15 WHEREAS, throughout the years of change and growth, Zion Missionary Baptist Church
16 has been a locus of stability, providing a spiritual home for its members and its community;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the 13 distinguished men who have served as its pastor,
19 including the present pastor, the esteemed Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis, Zion Missionary Baptist

1 church has for 130 years celebrated the hope of new births, the joy of marriage unions, the
2 sorrow of separation, and the everyday experiences of the lives of its members.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize the special heritage of the Zion Missionary Baptist
5 Church, rejoice with them on this wonderful occasion, March 18, 2001, as they dedicate a
6 new church building, and express to them their hope for continued success in Christian
7 service.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Frank Lewis.