

House Resolution 40EX2

By: Representatives Mobley of the 69th, Brooks of the 54th, Watson of the 70th, Millar of the 59th and Maddox of the 72nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor George O. McCalep, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor George O. McCalep, Jr., pastor of the Greenforest Community Baptist
3 Church in Decatur, is widely considered a leading authority on the subjects of church growth,
4 stewardship, evangelism, church economic empowerment, and Sunday school growth and
5 leadership, and he is widely sought to teach, preach, and lecture on those subjects; and

6 WHEREAS, since Pastor McCalep assumed pastorship of Greenforest Community Baptist
7 Church in 1979, the congregation has grown from mission status with a membership of 25
8 to its present membership of 6,000 souls, and the church now has an annual budget of over
9 \$11 million, and in 1988, the church purchased a beautiful facility at the cost of \$10 million
10 and has recently increased its land holdings to 98 acres, and it owns and operates the second
11 largest predominantly African American Christian school in the country, the
12 Greenforest/McCalep Christian Academic Center, which has grades preschool through 12th
13 grade and a student body of 628 and is the only predominantly African American school to
14 earn accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International, and a new
15 state-of-the-art learning center is now under construction to provide educational experiences
16 for 460 children aged six weeks to five years of age; and

17 WHEREAS, under Dr. McCalep's direction, Greenforest has created the Greenforest
18 Community Development Corporation, which manages a 161 unit apartment complex and
19 partners with financial institutions to provide home ownership opportunities, and Greenforest
20 founded the South DeKalb Church Federal Credit Union; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. McCalep is a best-selling author on the subjects of church growth and
22 spiritual development, and he has authored numerous books since his first publication in
23 1966 of "Faithful Over a Few Things - Seven Critical Church Growth Principals," which has
24 sold over 20,000 copies, and Dr. McCalep has earned a Bachelor of Science from Alabama
25 A & M College, a Master of Science from the University of Kansas, a masters degree in

1 administration and supervision from John Carroll University, a PhD from Ohio State
2 University, and a Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion; and

3 WHEREAS, he has been married for 40 years to the former Sadie Turner, his high school
4 and college sweetheart, and they are the proud parents of three sons, Michael, George III, and
5 Timothy, and they have one grandson, Christopher, who is now a fifth grade student at
6 Greenforest.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body commend Pastor George O. McCalep, Jr. for his many
9 achievements and his tremendous contribution to his community.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor George O. McCalep,
12 Jr.