

Senate Resolution 14

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Blacks Creek Baptist Church; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Blacks Creek Baptist Church was constituted on February 12, 1803, during the
3 presidency of Thomas Jefferson, with 61 charter members; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on July 2, 1803, the congregation purchased an acre of land then located in
5 Franklin County, now Madison County, and on that acre they built a house of worship; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1859, the church organized its first Sunday School under the supervision of
7 Dr. W.B.J. Hardman, a physician who practiced medicine for 30 years in what was then
8 Harmony Grove, now known as Commerce, and in 1928, Dr. Hardman's son,
9 Dr. L.G. Hardman, then Governor of Georgia, had a granite marker erected at the church site
10 in honor of his father; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Blacks Creek Baptist Church is now greatly expanded to include 22 acres, a
12 sanctuary, educational facilities, and a ball field and is located on the site where the church
13 was first organized in 1803; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Blacks Creek Baptist Church will hold its bicentennial celebration on
15 February 9, 2003, at the church facilities.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 commend Blacks Creek Baptist Church for 200 years of service to its community.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the pastor of Blacks Creek Baptist
20 Church.