

Senate Resolution 215

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolence Baptist Church; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since 1853, the Benevolence Baptist Church has stood in the City of Cuthbert
4 as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge; and

5 WHEREAS, for 150 years, the congregational family has reached out and nurtured thousands
6 of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost; and

7 WHEREAS, the congregation's 150th anniversary gives rise to a milestone occasion to
8 celebrate its distinguished history and also to renew its commitment to a remarkable record
9 of Christian service that has made Benevolence one of God's best churches; and

10 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings during slavery, Benevolence Baptist Church has
11 grown and progressed and increased its contributions to the world; and

12 WHEREAS, during its long history, Benevolence Baptist Church has been blessed with great
13 leaders and ministers who have dedicated themselves to an abiding vision of the church's
14 preeminent role in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the Reverend J.L. Kegler is the current distinguished pastor, and under his
16 dynamic and innovative leadership the church continues to prosper; and

17 WHEREAS, as the church's membership has grown so has the many ways in which it is able
18 to reach out to the community in providing spiritual guidance, comfort, and hope in
19 fulfillment of its mission.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 congratulate the Benevolence Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and

1 convey their appreciation to the Reverend J.L. Kegler and the entire congregation for their
2 invaluable contributions and service to the community and the entire State of Georgia.

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 Reverend J.L. Kegler.