

Senate Resolution 444

By: Senator Kemp of the 46th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Crooked Creek Baptist Church on its bicentennial; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Crooked Creek Baptist Church was founded on July 23, 1803, during the  
4 administration of President Thomas Jefferson and, of the 17 original members, one was a  
5 signer of the 1799 Georgia Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, the church has been a source of caring and concern for the community over the  
7 years and has reached out to all persons through its history; and

8 WHEREAS, the church provided money for missions to Georgia Indians as early as the  
9 1830's, had black members in the 1850's, licensed a black minister in 1860; had a public  
10 school on church grounds for years; and opened its first Sunday School in 1873; and

11 WHEREAS, the church moved to its present location in 1970 approximately 1/4 mile from  
12 the old church grounds and constructed a beautiful new addition to the church in 1995 more  
13 than doubling the size of the church building; and

14 WHEREAS, while many institutions have come and gone during the last 200 years, Crooked  
15 Creek Baptist Church has remained because of its steadfast devotion to the Gospel of Jesus  
16 Christ and, for this, gives God all of the honor and glory recognizing that it is a fulfillment  
17 of God's promise in Matthew 16:18, where Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my  
18 church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 recognize, commend, and congratulate Crooked Creek Baptist Church on its 200 years of  
21 service to the community and its devotion and dedication to the spiritual well-being of the  
22 people of Jackson County, Georgia, and extend their best wishes for the future success of the  
23 church.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Crooked Creek Baptist Church.