

House Resolution 795

By: Representative Ray of the 108<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Providence Primitive Baptist Church of Roberta; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Providence Primitive Baptist Church of Roberta will celebrate its 175th  
4 anniversary on July 12, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, the church was constituted in 1828 by Elder John Martin Blackstone, and later  
6 that same year the church was accepted into the Flint River Baptist Association; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1829, the church became a charter member of the Echeconnee Association  
8 of Old School or Primitive Baptists and has been a faithful member of that association ever  
9 since; and

10 WHEREAS, church pastors include Elders James Steely, Patrick M. Calhoun, Crumwell  
11 Cleveland, John Dickey, Wilde Cleveland, Tom Bentley, Isaiah Grant, J.A. Monsees, J.  
12 Harvey Dailey, A.J. Banks, Cecil Darity, Freeman Keel, and Robert Torrance; and current  
13 pastor Robert Torrance has served as pastor for the church for the past forty years; and

14 WHEREAS, current deacons include Brethren Lawrence Hortman and William Liles.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body congratulate and commend the members of Providence Primitive  
17 Baptist Church of Roberta upon the occasion of the church's 175th anniversary and extend  
18 to them best wishes for the future.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Providence Primitive  
21 Baptist Church of Roberta.