

## House Resolution 851

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Jenkins of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Lucas of the 105<sup>th</sup>, and Parham of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 105th anniversary of the Greater Jordan Chapel African Methodist  
2 Episcopal Church and commending Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2003, the Greater Jordan Chapel African Methodist Episcopal  
4 Church in Haddock, Georgia, will proudly celebrate its 105th anniversary and the second  
5 anniversary of Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, its devout Senior Pastor; and

6 WHEREAS, the history of this great church holds that church pioneers worshiped under a  
7 bush arbor, a designated tree or wooded area in the Haddock area prior to the 1900's; in July  
8 of 1904, church trustees Pleze Lester, Monroe Evans, Emanuel Hunt, and Robert Reese  
9 purchased land at the corner of Oak Street and the Old Milledgeville Highway from J.A. Pitt;  
10 and the first pastor was Rev. Jordan for whom the church is named; and

11 WHEREAS, many of the traditional African Methodist Episcopal Church organizations were  
12 formed, including a board of stewards and trustees, a Sunday school, women's missionary  
13 society, and a well attended annual old camp meeting that lasted for three days; and

14 WHEREAS, under the guidance of various pastors, the church expanded its mission and  
15 eventually moved from being a circuit church to holding meetings twice each month with  
16 occasional night services during the week; and the church cornerstone is dated 1951; and

17 WHEREAS, the church has prospered spiritually and financially during its long history and  
18 it has also experienced periods of decline in its membership and support; and the fine  
19 leadership of Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter has answered fervent prayers and offers great hope.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 this body recognizes the 105th anniversary of Greater Jordan Chapel and commends Rev.  
22 Ronald L. Slaughter on his outstanding spiritual leadership to this great church.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter.