

House Resolution 876

By: Representative Elrod of the 25th

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, Dr. L.G.
9 Hardman, then Governor of Georgia, had a granite marker erected at the church site in honor
10 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 bi-centennial celebration on February
15 9, 2003, at the church facilities.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Blacks Creek Baptist Church for 200 years of service
18 to its community.
- 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 the pastor of Blacks Creek
21 Baptist Church.