

House Resolution 1014

By: Representative Channell of the 77<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating Springfield Baptist Church on its 140th anniversary; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Springfield Baptist Church was founded in 1864 during a turbulent time of war  
3 when Honest Abraham Lincoln fought to preserve our Union and the governor of this state  
4 was South Carolinian Joseph Emerson; and

5 WHEREAS, since its first days serving as a place of refuge and prayer from the chaos of the  
6 Civil War, Springfield Baptist Church has been a source of stability and guidance during  
7 times of peace, war, and personal turmoil, and for this its members are grateful; and

8 WHEREAS, 140 years later, the congregation, clergy, and community of Greensboro owe  
9 their eternal thanks to Frank Massey, Henry Porter, Umply Stocks, and Jack Terrell for  
10 collecting the \$6.25 necessary to purchase one and one-quarter acres of land so that Levi  
11 Thornton could serve as the first pastor of the fledgling church; and

12 WHEREAS, this shining church has been blessed with gifted pastors, each gleaning their  
13 own singular style of leadership and wisdom from the Lord, and because of this, the church  
14 has thrived and its body of believers remains vibrant; and

15 WHEREAS, now, 140 years after its founding, the Springfield Baptist Church is led by  
16 pastor James C. Tazel, Jr., who carries on the radiant tradition of this church through his  
17 unique leadership and continues to equip its body of believers with his straightforward  
18 biblical teachings and training; and

19 WHEREAS, to this day Springfield Baptist continues to remain a beacon of light, hope, and  
20 guidance to the fine people of the Canaan community and Greene County.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body commends the Springfield Baptist Church on its 140th anniversary and wishes the  
3 church and its followers another 140 years of prodigious service.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Springfield Baptist Church.