

House Resolution 1087

By: Representatives Reece of the 21st, Amerson of the 9th, Mills of the 67th, Post 2, Rogers of the 20th, and Heath of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Willard Baxter; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Willard Baxter has touched thousands of lives in Georgia during a
3 long career as a Baptist minister, law enforcement officer, investigator, and county
4 emergency management director; and
- 5 WHEREAS, though Reverend Willard Baxter has officially retired, he continues to serve his
6 fellow man by remaining active in the volunteer work he loves, such as serving as chaplain
7 of the Hall County Soil and Water Conservation District, as senior sergeant of the Hall
8 County Sheriff's Department reserve unit, and as an active member and volunteer assistant
9 at the church he once pastored, Lakewood Baptist Church of Gainesville; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Reverend Baxter was born in Bremen, Georgia, was ordained a Baptist minister
11 at age 19, and has pastored the Ohoopee Baptist Church in Tinnell, the Stedman Baptist
12 Church in Tallapoosa, the Center Hill Baptist Church in Atlanta, the Welcome All Baptist
13 Church in College Park, the Lakewood Baptist Church in Gainesville, the Belmont Baptist
14 Church in Gainesville, and the Bethel Baptist Church in Bethlehem; and
- 15 WHEREAS, for ten years he was the assistant administrator of the Georgia Baptist
16 Children's Home; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a volunteer member of the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department
18 mounted patrol unit and later served as investigator for the Hall County District Attorney's
19 office and retired as that county's emergency management director; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his long-time hobby has been woodworking, and he has served on the board of
21 directors of the Southern States Woodturning Symposium and of the American Association
22 of Woodturners and has crafted special items such as gavels presented to Federal Judge

1 Richard Story of Gainesville and long-time Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom
2 Murphy.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 this body recognizes and commends Reverend Willard Baxter for his dedication and service
5 to the people of Georgia.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Willard Baxter.