

House Resolution 1209

By: Representative Channell of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the Reverend Clarence Cawthon on his 50 years of
2 ministry; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, this faithful servant of God was born and raised in Newton County, Georgia,
4 and is proud to have received his bachelor's degree in religion from Central Wesleyan
5 College; and

6 WHEREAS, he has been married to his one true love, Ella Voight Cawthon, for 54
7 wonderful and joyous years having together raised four extraordinary and selfless sons; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Cawthon has served his God, his church, and his parishioners for 50
9 glorious years; and

10 WHEREAS, he has served his God and country, having been a member of the United States
11 Air Force and inspired three sons to become career military men; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Cawthon was the first male pastor of Greensboro's Wesley Chapel
13 in 1954; and

14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or any of the other responsibilities of a minister of the
16 Gospel, Reverend Cawthon has, over his 50 years of preaching, shown the energy, devotion,
17 and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and

18 WHEREAS, the spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Cawthon is a source of strength,
19 inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic backgrounds;
20 and

1 WHEREAS, while he has never sought to pastor or preach to large congregations, he has
2 pastored to some of God's best people in 29 different congregations; and

3 WHEREAS, it is absolutely fitting and proper for this body to recognize the outstanding
4 longevity, spiritual faith, and many accomplishments of this humble and devout, pious man
5 of God.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend and congratulate the Reverend Clarence Cawthon on his
8 remarkable 50 years of faithful service to his Lord and congregations.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Clarence
11 Cawthon.