

## House Resolution 57EX

By: Representative Stephenson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 1

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Emeritus Hubert Floyd Shepherd; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Emeritus Hubert Floyd Shepherd has served as pastor of The Greater  
4 Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, since 1957; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Shepherd was born in the Edgewood Community, the youngest of  
6 five siblings, and at age 12 he joined The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church and was  
7 baptized by the late Reverend J.W. Tate; and

8 WHEREAS, he was called to be a pastor at age 29 and served as pastor of The New Hope  
9 Baptist Church in Covington, Georgia, before he was called in 1957 to serve as pastor at his  
10 home church, The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 47 years at The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church, Reverend  
12 Shepherd has given his energy and love to his church and has demonstrated patience,  
13 sacrifice, hard work, determination, obedience, strong leadership, and an unwavering faith  
14 in God; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Shepherd is also active in civic organizations, including the General  
16 Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., the DeKalb County chapter of the  
17 N.A.A.C.P., and the Y.M.C.A., and has served on the board of directors for the Baptist Boys'  
18 Camp Council of Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Pastor Sheperd is a loving husband to his wonderful wife  
20 Ivory, and he is also a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

21 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the commitment, leadership, dedication, and faith  
22 of this devoted pastor.

1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Emeritus Hubert Floyd Shepherd  
3 for 47 years of faithful leadership at The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church and  
4 exemplary service to his community and convey to him their best wishes for continued health  
5 and happiness.

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 Pastor Emeritus Hubert  
8 Floyd Shepherd.