

## House Resolution 52EX

By: Representative Stephens of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Post 2

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Connor's Temple Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in January, 1927, a small group of good people came together with the  
3 Reverend Noah Cornelius Connor for prayerful contemplation of establishing a new  
4 community of God, and this year marks the 77th year of growth and service for the product  
5 of that meeting, the Connor's Temple Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, after 22 years of faithful service, the Reverend Connor passed on and the Lord  
7 sent the Reverend Willie Williams Whitehead to carry the banner forward, and this dynamic  
8 leader took the community to new heights, which included building a new sanctuary to  
9 accommodate the growing congregation, and on November 30, 1969, the Reverend  
10 Whitehead led his flock into a new, fully equipped church building; and

11 WHEREAS, after 23 years under Pastor Whitehead's direction, the congregation found itself  
12 in need of a new leader, and that role was filled by the Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, who  
13 took the reins on January 8, 1974, and still leads the congregation today, and in the past 28  
14 years the church has realized great spiritual and financial growth, organizing new ministries,  
15 paying off the mortgage on the church, and expanding its spiritual development programs;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, over the past 75 years the congregation of Connor's Temple Baptist Church has  
18 known good times and bad, glad times and sad, but through it all they have stood steadfastly  
19 together in witness to their service to God; and

20 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the past and present congregation of this fine  
21 Christian group be commended for their service to their community, their state, and their  
22 God.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body recognize and commend the Connor's Temple Baptist Church for  
3 its service to the community and to God.

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 the Reverend Bennie R.  
6 Mitchell on behalf of the entire congregation of Connor's Temple Baptist Church.