

House Resolution 404

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the First Baptist Church of Baxley on its 125th Anniversary; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a nation united under God, the religious institutions in our country have
4 performed a historical role in setting a fine example of moral values, charity to those less
5 fortunate, and worship of Him from whom all blessings flow; and

6 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Baxley, Georgia, was organized in 1880 with 17
7 charter members whose purpose was to preach the Gospel of the Son of God and to uplift
8 humanity; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1890 when the present church site was acquired, the First Baptist Church
10 of Baxley has had a history of growth and expansion including the 1927 completion of the
11 sanctuary, which was the second building on the property; the 1957 construction of a
12 two-story brick educational building; the 1962 installation of a pipe organ; the 1994
13 construction of a new fellowship hall; and the 1998 addition of an elevator; and

14 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church has always had a positive effect on people and brought
15 souls to Jesus Christ through its numerous outreach programs and ministries, which include
16 the establishment of Dunn Memorial Baptist Church and Riverside Baptist Church as well
17 as home and foreign mission activities; and

18 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church has been an influential and guiding force in the City of
19 Baxley for the past 125 years and has greatly contributed to the moral development and
20 growth of Appling County and Baxley; and

21 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church continues to play a vital role in the lives of its members
22 and those with whom they come in contact by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through
23 worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching, and service; and

1 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church of Baxley will continue "Sowing Seeds of Faith."

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
3 the members of this body join in honoring the First Baptist Church of Baxley and extend
4 their sincere congratulations and best wishes to each of its members on the milestone of its
5 125th Anniversary.

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 the First Baptist Church of
8 Baxley.