By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Watson of the 91st, Mosby of the 90th, Williams of the 89th, Drenner of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

- 2 WHEREAS, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church has been an important part of
- 3 the New Orleans community for many years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, while continuing its ministry in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane
- 5 Katrina, the church answered God's call to serve the needs of evacuees in Atlanta; and

6 WHEREAS, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist observed a day of celebration on

- 7 Sunday, January 29, 2006, on the occasion of the grand opening of its new facilities at 4185
- 8 Snapfinger Woods Drive, Decatur, Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the church has already begun contributing to the DeKalb County community
- 10 and the enrichment of the day-to-day lives of its citizens through the congregation's many
- 11 civic and community activities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the church is fast becoming one of the stabilizing factors that makes the local
- 13 community that it serves such a popular residential community; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the many ministries of the church under the guiding and loving hands of Bishop 15 Paul S. Morton, senior pastor, and Elder Deborah B. Morton, co-pastor, have reached and 16 touched the lives of many citizens of DeKalb County and through its many community 17 efforts the church has helped to make DeKalb County a better place for all its citizens to live.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

- 19 this body commends Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist church on the occasion of its
- 20 grand opening celebration and extends its most sincere welcome and best wishes for
- 21 continued success in its many ministries.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bishop Paul S. Morton.