

Senate Resolution 313

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its one-hundredth
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, has a long,
5 distinguished history of service to its congregation and to the community, providing comfort,
6 understanding, and guidance to individuals from all walks of life; and

7 WHEREAS, the church has remained steadfast and vigilant to its purpose expressed in the
8 Gospel of Matthew, which commands, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing
9 them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to
10 observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"; and

11 WHEREAS, the church was founded on September 6, 1907, by Pastor Cato Priester, who
12 faithfully led the church for 38 years starting with only five adults and three children; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Priester was succeeded by Pastor L.L. Smalls, who provided loving
14 guidance to the church for another 23 years, followed by Pastor Willie Gwyn, the church's
15 third divinely inspired leader who served until 1991, when Pastor Frederick Alan Fearbry
16 became the fourth great inspirational leader to the church; and

17 WHEREAS, from January 2000 until the present day, the church congregation is blessed to
18 serve under the tremendous spiritual leadership of Bishop K.E. McNeal, who celebrates his
19 seventh glorious year with the Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, over these 100 years the church has been blessed by God, growing to well over
21 350 members, and the congregation has witnessed countless souls added to the household of
22 faith by way of baptism, restoration, and Christian experience; and the members of this
23 church remain faithful to its mission "to bring the unsaved and the un-churched to Jesus
24 Christ..."; and

1 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the spiritual cornerstone set by the dedicated
2 members of this great church and the positive leadership the church has provided to
3 Georgia's citizens be properly honored as it celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
5 recognize Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church on the momentous occasion of its
6 one-hundredth anniversary, express their appreciation for the church's fine Christian history
7 of community service, and convey their sincere best wishes for continued growth.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Happy Home Missionary Baptist
10 Church.