

## House Resolution 890

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup> and Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Reverend Charles E. Goodman, Jr., and the Tabernacle  
2 Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Baptist Church was founded on August 21, 1885, in Augusta,  
4 Georgia, under the organizational leadership of the Reverend Charles Thomas Walker; and

5 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and committed efforts of those devout  
6 worshipers have grown over the church's 122 year history into a landmark institution which  
7 is internationally known and widely respected throughout Georgia and the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, the devoted congregation of this church has established an unparalleled record  
9 of constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service, and the church now offers a broad  
10 range of religious programs for people of all ages while continuing to serve as a beacon of  
11 light and a ray of spiritual hope; and

12 WHEREAS, under the strong and devoted leadership of nine previous pastors, the church has  
13 prospered spiritually, grown financially, and increased its membership more than tenfold  
14 from its originally enrolled 310 members; and

15 WHEREAS, on April 22, 2007, the Reverend Charles E. Goodman, Jr., will be installed as  
16 the tenth pastor of the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church, and he comes to this church with  
17 a rich intellectual and spiritual background; and

18 WHEREAS, the Reverend Goodman graduated at the top of his high school class, graduated  
19 with honors from Wake Forest University in North Carolina, and received his Masters of  
20 Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, the Reverend Goodman was voted one of "America's Most Loved Pastors" in  
22 2006 by the Gospel Today Magazine, and under his dynamic and innovative leadership his

1 former church, Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church, became one of the fastest growing  
2 churches in eastern Alabama; and

3 WHEREAS, with the insightful and charismatic leadership of a new pastor who is dedicated  
4 to spreading the good news of the Gospel to everyone he meets, the Tabernacle Baptist  
5 Church shall remain steadfast and loyal to its mission--focusing on witnessing to and serving  
6 God's people through prayer, worship, education, fellowship, ministering to those in need,  
7 and liberating the oppressed, all for the glory of God.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 the members of this body recognize the Reverend Charles E. Goodman, Jr., and the faithful  
10 members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, express their appreciation for the church's  
11 outstanding Christian history of community service, and convey their sincere best wishes for  
12 continued growth and success.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Charles E.  
15 Goodman, Jr., and the Tabernacle Baptist Church.