

House Resolution 1092

By: Representatives Glanton of the 76th, Starr of the 78th, Johnson of the 75th, Heckstall of the 62nd, and Sinkfield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proclaiming January 1, 2008, as "Jubilee Celebration Day" at Dixon Grove Baptist Church;
- 2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, the Clayton County branch of the NAACP will host "Jubilee Celebration Day"
- 4 at Dixon Grove Baptist Church on January 1, 2008, beginning at 11 A.M.; and

- 5 WHEREAS, all are welcome to Dixon Grove Baptist Church, 7690 Fielder Road, Jonesboro,
- 6 Georgia, to celebrate; and

- 7 WHEREAS, Jubilee Day celebrates the emancipation of all slaves in Confederate states; and

- 8 WHEREAS, these celebrations are held on different days throughout the United States,
- 9 depending on when slaves were freed in that particular region; and

- 10 WHEREAS, January 1 is one of the most common dates of celebration because foreign slave
- 11 trade was officially forbidden in America on that date in 1801; and

- 12 WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln declared the Emancipation Proclamation was to be
- 13 followed as of January 1, 1863; and

- 14 WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation proclaims, "That on the first day of January, in
- 15 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves
- 16 within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion
- 17 against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."; and

- 18 WHEREAS, at the stroke of midnight, January 1, 1863, all slaves in Confederate states were
- 19 declared legally free; and

1 WHEREAS, the concept of jubilee comes from the Bible where, in Leviticus 25:10, God sets
2 forth the principle of a time to proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the
3 inhabitants, a time to end all oppression, a time of setting free.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body proclaim January 1, 2008, as "Jubilee Celebration Day" at Dixon
6 Grove Baptist Church; commend the Clayton County branch of the NAACP for being a vital
7 and necessary part of the community; and commend all persons involved in and attending
8 the celebration for their efforts in organizing and celebrating this very important day.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the president of the Clayton
11 County branch of the NAACP, Mr. Dexter Matthews.