

## House Resolution 1250

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 64<sup>th</sup>, Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Central Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its 150th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008, Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta,  
4 Georgia, celebrates its 150th year of ministry and faithful worship since the church was first  
5 organized at its original and present location on Capitol Hill in 1858; and

6 WHEREAS, since its founding, Central Presbyterian Church has successfully overcome  
7 many of the challenges faced by urban churches, and through community outreach and  
8 progressive social justice seeking, it continues its role as a vital part of Atlanta's history,  
9 welcoming everyone, regardless of ethnicity or sexual or political orientation; and

10 WHEREAS, Central Presbyterian Church has an ongoing history of prophetic witness and  
11 social action and a dedicated congregation called to worship in the heart of downtown; and

12 WHEREAS, this church has remained a symbol of the spirit and lifeblood of the community  
13 for 150 years of Georgia history and continues to inspire us all to be "on our way rejoicing";  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the impact that this place of worship has had through its outreach and advocacy  
16 projects can be seen today through its many endeavors, including the Central Outreach &  
17 Advocacy Center, which is visited each year by almost 30,000 homeless and near-homeless  
18 people, provides more than 950 households with more than 74,000 pounds of food, and  
19 partners with health providers to treat multitudes of people for medical issues and addiction  
20 and to provide eye exams; and

21 WHEREAS, the Central Night Shelter of Central Presbyterian Church offers homeless men  
22 a safe place to sleep, a dinner, and a sack lunch with the help of volunteers from more than

1 30 different churches, university groups, offices, companies, organizations, families, and  
2 individuals; and

3 WHEREAS, Central Presbyterian Church also provides invaluable services to the children  
4 of this state by serving the needs of 70 young citizens between six weeks of age to five and  
5 a half years of age through its child development center and by its participation for the past  
6 eight years in the Georgia Pre-K Program; and

7 WHEREAS, Central Presbyterian Church serves as a "homebase for advocates," opening its  
8 facilities during each legislative session of the General Assembly to advocacy groups.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Central Presbyterian Church,  
11 congratulate it on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, and extend their heartfelt gratitude  
12 for all of the outstanding services and community outreach programs it provides to the  
13 citizens of Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Central Presbyterian  
16 Church.