

House Resolution 1876

By: Representatives Williams of the 165th, Lane of the 167th, Keen of the 179th, and Jackson of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Zion Missionary Baptist Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, faith can serve as the foundation of a community bringing people together in
3 worship and serving as a strong and united family against the challenges of life; and
- 4 WHEREAS, when properly organized, the impact of such faith can be expanded from the
5 small town church to a national body touching thousands across the country; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Zion Missionary Baptist Association was organized by a group of visionary
7 ministers in Hilton Head, South Carolina, on July 14, 1865, and is the oldest such African
8 American association in the North America; and
- 9 WHEREAS, persons instrumental in establishing and growing the Zion Missionary Baptist
10 Association were the esteemed Reverends U.L. Houston, A. Bourke, Daniel Curry,
11 A. Mercherson, J. Jones, W.J. Campbell, William Morrison, J. M. Simms, A. Harris, and S.
12 Whitehead; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Zion Missionary Baptist Association was founded on Christian principles
14 with the purposes of bringing together in worship the African American Baptist Churches
15 of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the current moderator of the Zion Missionary Baptist Church is the honorable
17 Reverend Dr. E.L. Hart; and
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- 19 WHEREAS, the Zion Missionary Baptist Association is dedicating and having the grand
20 opening of the newly constructed Zion Missionary Baptist Association Educational Complex
21 in Crescent, Georgia, on March 29, 2008.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend the Zion Missionary Baptist Association for its
3 contribution to the State of Georgia and the United States over the past 143 years.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Zion Missionary Baptist
6 Association.