

## House Resolution 1707

By: Representatives Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup> and Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Ben C. Martin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Ben C. Martin has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time,  
3 talents, and energy for nine years to uplifting and inspiring the congregation as senior pastor  
4 of Springfield United Methodist Church in Springfield, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Pastor Martin has long been recognized for his active leadership roles in his  
6 community and throughout this state and his deep commitment to spreading the Word of God  
7 to others; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ  
9 through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual  
10 needs of others; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during his time leading Springfield United Methodist Church, the church has  
12 grown into a phenomenal place of worship, uplifting the community like the light of  
13 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Pastor Martin has been called to serve the Lord as District Superintendent of  
15 the Statesboro District, where he is sure to lead with passion and demonstrate the same  
16 commitment he has shown the congregation of Springfield United Methodist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
19 humanitarian, Pastor Martin serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Pastor Martin is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Susan, and  
21 he has been blessed with faithful and remarkable children; and

22 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Martin is a source of  
23 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
25 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
26 on behalf of persons in need.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Pastor Ben C. Martin for his service to the Lord and the  
29 congregation of Springfield United Methodist Church and extend best wishes on his new  
30 position as District Superintendent of the Statesboro District.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Ben C. Martin.