

House Resolution 1953

By: Representative Dooley of the 38<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., and Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist  
2 Church on the occasion of its fifth annual Foreign Mission Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the congregation of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church has compiled  
4 an unparalleled record of constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it  
5 demonstrates daily through open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

6 WHEREAS, members of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church have a sincere desire  
7 to serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in 2005, Reverend Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., had a vision to create a ministry, and  
10 by the grace and direction of the Lord, he journeyed to Ghana, West Africa, with a group of  
11 five dedicated missionaries; and

12 WHEREAS, during his first mission to Africa, Reverend Lockhart was joined by messengers  
13 of God, Minister Deborah Pittman-Williams, Minister Octavia Richardson, Minister Vivian  
14 Blount, Sister Ella Flowers, and Deacon Randy Bonner; and

15 WHEREAS, missionaries of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church have labored in the  
16 vineyard, going into the world to disciple nations and teach them that the Lord commands  
17 all things; and

18 WHEREAS, these selfless men and women of the Word provide spiritual enrichment,  
19 socio-economic development, education, and health care to people of other countries who  
20 have been victims of poverty, neglect, hunger, and culture; and

21 WHEREAS, the theme for the 2010 Foreign Mission Day at Pleasant Grove Missionary  
22 Baptist Church is "Hired Servants With a Greater Work"; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the missionaries of Pleasant Grove  
24 Missionary Baptist Church, who stand as an enduring example of God's message of peace  
25 and love, be recognized for their innumerable righteous works rendered on behalf of persons  
26 in need.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Reverend Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., and the missionaries  
29 of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of the church's fifth annual  
30 Foreign Mission Day.

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 Pleasant Grove Missionary  
33 Baptist Church.