

House Resolution 2309

By: Representative Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending David A. VanderMeer for his outstanding service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David A. VanderMeer has demonstrated his commitment to directing the  
4 amazing music ministries and fine arts at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia,  
5 since 2001 where he has created a dedicated ministry through music and art addressing the  
6 physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

7 WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, David created the Visual Arts Ministry at  
8 Central Presbyterian, nurturing liturgical artists and supporting the creation of the Tull Hall  
9 Art Gallery, scheduling exhibits well into 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, he envisioned and designed the Arts of the Spirit initiative which offers  
11 Concerts with a Cause, master classes, and hymn festivals to the greater Atlanta community;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he chaired the enormously successful 2008 Montreat Worship and Music  
14 Conference sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians which set any number  
15 of participation and financial records and now is held as a standard for worship and music  
16 conferences; and

17 WHEREAS, David has significantly increased the participation in music and fine arts at  
18 Central Presbyterian such that over 250 members are involved in various programs. The  
19 chancel choir has grown to 71 members, the youth handbell choir has 24 participants, and  
20 other music and arts programs are vibrant and growing; and

21 WHEREAS, he began his career while in high school at his home church, First Presbyterian  
22 Church of Saginaw, Michigan, as a chorister, handbell ringer, and student conductor; and

23 WHEREAS, he was born December 8, 1958, the second child of Edward and Char  
24 VanderMeer and attended Saginaw public schools and then continued his education at  
25 Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he earned a Bachelor of Music;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, David has extensive professional experience having served as music director  
28 in Bernardsville, New Jersey; Port Arthur, Texas; Amarillo, Texas; and Houston, Texas,  
29 before accepting his current position in Atlanta; and

30 WHEREAS, David has extensive experience in directing choirs and is currently serving as  
31 the artistic director and conductor for Atlanta Concert Ringers, a semi-professional  
32 community handbell ensemble; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
34 of peace and love through music and art be recognized and congratulated for his dedicated  
35 and faithful service.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend David A. VanderMeer for his outstanding service to the  
38 church and the community and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
39 fellowship and leadership.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to David A. VanderMeer.