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House Resolution 228

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion
- 2 of their dedication service on January 11, 2009; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church has a rich and magnificent history
- 4 dating back to its formation in 1868; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the founding father of Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church was Reverend
- 6 Sam Byrd who was called to spread the word of God in 1865; and
- 7 WHEREAS, due to social practice of the time, Reverend Byrd, a member of Bethel Baptist
- 8 Church, was forced to worship in the rear of the church; and
- 9 WHEREAS, on March 14, 1866, Reverend Byrd, along with 20 other members of the Bethel
- 10 Baptist congregation, requested a dismissal from the church, which was granted on
- 11 September 15, 1868; and
- 12 WHEREAS, over the last 141 years, Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church has grown
- 13 to a phenomenal place of worship thanks to the dedicated and loyal service of its previous
- 14 pastors: Reverend Sam Byrd, Reverend G.K. Pinkston, Dr. Reverend C.D. Hubert, Reverend
- 15 A.B. Murden, Reverend T.J. Roberts, Reverend E.R. McClendon, Reverend R.E. Edwards,
- 16 Reverend J.A. Bryant, and Reverend L. Dante Smith; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in November, 2005, Pastor Michael Curry was united with the Hickory Grove
- 18 Missionary Baptist Church family, and his positive leadership style and Christian
- 19 mannerisms have allowed the church to thrive and expand; and
- 20 WHEREAS, with a mission of "The Capital Vision" in 2007 and "Vision of Victory," Pastor
- 21 Curry's guidance and direction have provided for a remarkable annex to the historic church;
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23 WHEREAS, the great vision and accomplishments of the leadership and members of

- 24 Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church over the past 141 years are worthy of recognition.
- 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 26 the members of this body commend the great contributions of Hickory Grove Missionary
- 27 Baptist Church and congratulate its congregation on the celebration of their dedication
- 28 service.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Michael Curry.