

## House Resolution 598

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup> and Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Antioch Baptist Church on the occasion of its bicentennial;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on September 18, 1809, Antioch Baptist Church was formed by its parishioners,  
4 meeting in a log cabin located in the Walton Mill area of Godfrey, Georgia, until 1845; and

5 WHEREAS, in September, 1827, during a meeting of the Ocmulgee Association preached  
6 by Evangelist Adel Sherwood, the church located in Walton Mill was the site of a  
7 multicounty revival in which thousands of people accepted God's grace and salvation; and

8 WHEREAS, in May, 1956, the church built its current sanctuary, incorporating timbers and  
9 doors from a former church building for use in the new structure; and

10 WHEREAS, today, Antioch Baptist Church remains a church body dedicated to the  
11 preaching of God's word, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and ministering to its  
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, in celebration of Antioch Baptist Church's 200th anniversary, the church will  
14 hold a week-long revival followed by a special Homecoming Service on September 13, 2009,  
15 with featured speaker Reverend J. Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist  
16 Convention; and a special commemorative marker will be erected at the church on that date;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the members of Antioch Baptist Church are thankful that God has preserved  
19 their congregation dedicated to His word and His will and look forward to the future of their  
20 church with much hope and anticipation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend Antioch Baptist Church on its distinguished 200 year

23 history, recognize the church's significant role in the community and the State of Georgia,  
24 and join with its congregation and pastor in celebrating its bicentennial.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Antioch Baptist Church.