

Senate Resolution 578

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion
2 of its 140th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in March, 2009, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church celebrates its 140th
4 year of faithful worship since the church was first organized; and

5 WHEREAS, founded in 1869, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church was originally
6 located at "Forks Creek" in Bloomfield, Georgia, before moving to Antioch Road on property
7 donated by Mr. John Brown, Sr.; and

8 WHEREAS, since its founding, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church has known some
9 of the Lord's finest servants, beginning with the leadership of Pastor Albert Campbell, Pastor
10 Frank Deloney, and Pastor E.W. Hoyt; and

11 WHEREAS, shortly after Pastor Hoyt answered his summons for eternal rest on August 1,
12 1956, the church building was unfortunately destroyed by fire, but the congregation
13 persevered through the grace of God and the wonderful hospitality of Mount Calvary Baptist
14 Church; and

15 WHEREAS, the church was rebuilt in 1958 under the leadership of Pastor W.M. Hall, and
16 the church experienced a time of great revival that continued through the watchful
17 stewardship of Pastor Nehemiah Collins, Sr., and Pastor Burnette R. Fulton, Jr., the current
18 pastor of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Fulton, a native of Brunswick, Georgia, has ably served as the
20 church's lead pastor since 2004, dedicated to influencing others to accept Christ as their
21 personal savior and live an exemplary life in His name; and

22 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Fulton, the church has been blessed with a
23 number of new additions, including the purchase of a 32-passenger bus, a new audio sound
24 system, and a lighted display for the church's exterior; and

25 WHEREAS, the church stands as a beacon of hope in the community, striving to spread the
26 Word of God and His greatness with annual events such as a Ministry of Sharing in which
27 congregation members prepare Thanksgiving dinner for the community the Saturday before
28 the holiday; and

29 WHEREAS, over the span of its many years, this congregation has experienced occasions
30 for both jubilation and sorrow, but their church has remained a symbol of the spirit and
31 lifeblood of the community during three different centuries of Georgia history.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize the rich history of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, congratulate it on
34 the occasion of its 140th anniversary, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued
35 growth and success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist
38 Church.