

House Resolution 93

By: Representative Neal of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Darrell Henry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Darrell Henry has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry was born on April 11, 1956, in Athens, Tennessee, the beloved
6 son of bi-vocational pastor John Henry; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was called by the Lord in 1976 and has served as pastor of Tennessee's
8 Lamontville Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and Hopewell Baptist Church; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Meigs County High School, Reverend Henry earned a bachelor's
10 degree from the University of Tennessee, a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans
11 Baptist Theological Seminary, and Doctorates of Divinity and Ministry from Covington
12 Seminary; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he has led the congregation of Oakwood Baptist Church in Chickamauga,
14 Georgia, since 1991, helping to grow the church's faithful members from 250 to
15 approximately 3,000; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Oakwood Baptist Church grow in size and
17 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
18 leader and place for fellowship; and
- 19 WHEREAS, over the past two decades leading Oakwood Baptist Church, Reverend Henry
20 has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
21 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

22 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
23 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
24 humanitarian, Reverend Henry serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Henry has been united in love and marriage to Diane Bacon Henry
26 since 1981, and they have been blessed with two remarkable daughters, Jessica and Julie; and

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Henry is a source of
28 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
30 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
31 on behalf of persons in need.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Reverend Darrell Henry for his decades of service to the
34 Lord and his community and extend to him best wishes for many more years of successful
35 fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Darrell Henry.