

House Resolution 305

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th and Smith of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Walker Baptist Association; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Walker Baptist Association was organized in the fall of 1868 at a meeting
3 of representatives of seven distinct churches held with Ways Grove Baptist Church in
4 Stellaville, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, named in honor of the former pastor of Franklin Covenant church, reverend
6 Joseph Walker, the Walker Baptist Association epitomizes Reverend Walker's spirit, as his
7 divine wisdom and preaching rang true to all races; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the first officers of the Walker Baptist Association were Reverend Peter
9 Walker, Brother Edward Young, and Brother Charles Young; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Walker Baptist Association is a nonprofit organization created with the
11 purpose of developing local programs to advance the cultural, educational, and spiritual
12 well-being of the community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, this amazing organization establishes unity, fellowship, and cooperation among
14 residents of the community through workshops, seminars, and other programs; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Walker Baptist Association has grown over the past two centuries to cover
16 Richmond, Burke, Jefferson, Jenkins, Screven, Emanuel, Johnson, and Columbia counties;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
19 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
20 on behalf of persons in need.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize the rich history of the Walker Baptist Association,
23 commend its years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their
24 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

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 the Walker Baptist
27 Association.