

House Resolution 605

By: Representative Purcell of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in
2 Savannah, Georgia, on the occasion of its 270th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Savannah,
5 Georgia, have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Johann Martin Bolzius arrived in the new colony of Georgia in 1734,
7 serving as Pastor of Salzburger Lutherans, with the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran
8 Church of the Ascension recorded on April 14, 1741; and

9 WHEREAS, the church purchased its present location on Wright Square in 1771 and the
10 church called its first full-time pastor in the early 1800's, Reverend Stephen Mealy; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past three centuries, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension
12 has grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors, allowing the Word of God to
13 spread throughout the community; and

14 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
15 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
16 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

17 WHEREAS, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension have a sincere
18 desire to serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus
19 Christ; and

20 WHEREAS, this year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension celebrates its 270th
21 anniversary with homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former
22 members, friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the
28 Ascension, commend its 270 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and
29 extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Evangelical Lutheran
32 Church of the Ascension.