

House Resolution 876

By: Representatives Davis of the 109th, Welch of the 110th, and Mayo of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Stan Berrong on the occasion of his 25th
2 anniversary with Glen Haven Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Stan Berrong has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Berrong was called by the Lord in 1971 and studied at Liberty
7 University while serving as assistant pastor at Mecklenburg Baptist Temple in Virginia; and

8 WHEREAS, he was ordained at Glen Haven Baptist Church in 1974 and taught college and
9 career Sunday school at the church after his graduation from Bible college; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Berrong served as pastor at Twin Brooks Baptist Church in Florida
11 before returning to Glen Haven Baptist Church to serve as youth pastor, associate pastor, and
12 co-pastor before accepting the call of senior pastor in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Glen Haven Baptist Church grow in size
14 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
15 leader and place for fellowship; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Berrong is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Jacki,
17 and he has been blessed with the support of his children, Chera and Billy Downs and Nathan
18 and Pooja Berrong, and his grandchildren, Davis and Presley Downs; and

19 WHEREAS, over the past three decades with Glen Haven Baptist Church, Reverend Berrong
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 Berrong serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Stan Berrong on the wonderful occasion of
32 his 25th anniversary with Glen Haven Baptist Church and extend best wishes for many more
33 years of successful fellowship and leadership.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Stan Berrong.