

## House Resolution 973

By: Representatives Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup> and England of the 108<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend H. Ray Newman, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend H. Ray Newman, Sr., has demonstrated his commitment to teaching  
3 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Newman was born on September 18, 1944, in Phenix City, Alabama,  
6 the beloved son of Harvey and Lena Newman; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School, Reverend Newman earned a bachelor's  
8 degree from Columbus College and a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist  
9 Theological Seminary; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Reverend Newman was called by the Lord at the age of 19 to lead the  
11 congregation of Pittsview Baptist Church and over the years has served as pastor to Shady  
12 Woods Baptist Church, Norris Road Baptist Church, Chase Memorial Baptist Church,  
13 Forrest Park Baptist Church, and Liberty Baptist Church; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was called to the Georgia Baptist Convention (GBC) to serve as a state  
15 missionary in 1990 and has traveled internationally to the former Soviet Union, South Korea,  
16 China, Panama, and other countries; and
- 17 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the GBC, Reverend Newman has preached around  
18 Georgia in over 300 churches, served as interim pastor for ten churches in Georgia and  
19 Alabama, and lobbied at the state capitol on the GBC's behalf; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Reverend Newman has recently retired from full time work for the GBC and  
21 has accepted the call to pastor Macedonia Community Baptist Church in Braselton; and

22 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his high school sweetheart, Gwen, and he  
23 has been blessed with the support of his children, Rusty and Laura Newman, and his four  
24 grandchildren; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body commend Reverend H. Ray Newman, Sr., on his years of service  
30 to the Lord and the State of Georgia and extend best wishes for successful fellowship and  
31 leadership in his new church.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend H. Ray Newman,  
34 Sr.