

## House Resolution 1463

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup> and James of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Talbotton Baptist Church on the occasion of its 183rd  
2 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 Talbotton Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition  
5 and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1829, Talbotton Baptist Church has grown under the divine  
7 direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout  
8 the community; and

9 WHEREAS, famous pastors of Talbotton Baptist Church include Mr. James Perryman, the  
10 son of Elisha Perryman; Reverend Charles Harden Stillwell, president of Western & Atlantic  
11 Railroad; Reverend Hiram Powell, grandfather of Women's State College at Valdosta  
12 professor, R.H. Powell, and Judge Arthur Gray Powell; and Dr. R.J. Willingham,  
13 corresponding secretary of the Foreign Missions Board; and

14 WHEREAS, notable members of the church have included Mr. John B. Gorman, who served  
15 as the United States Consulate to Mexico; Mr. Henry "Tuck" Person, former Georgia State  
16 Representative and mayor of Talbotton; and Mr. Robert H. Jordan, former member of the  
17 Georgia General Assembly and Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court; and

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

21 WHEREAS, members of Talbotton Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord  
22 and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2012, Talbotton Baptist Church celebrates its 183rd  
24 anniversary with homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former  
25 members, friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Talbotton Baptist Church, commend  
31 its 183 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best  
32 wishes for its continued growth and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Talbotton Baptist Church.