

House Resolution 1918

By: Representative Purcell of the 159<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Richmond Baptist Church on the occasion of its 115th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Richmond Baptist Church originated on March 14, 1897, under the leadership  
4 of Reverend E.K. Love and is also known as a "Savannah River Plantation Praise House";  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Richmond Baptist Church was one of the 13 identified Savannah praise houses  
7 under the administration of First African Baptist Church in 1884 and was established in the  
8 tradition of earlier plantation praise houses intended to Christianize the enslaved populations  
9 of rural plantations, and the church served the African Americans of Richmond Plantation;

10 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2012, the Richmond Baptist Church unveiled its historical marker  
11 in Port Wentworth; and

12 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted  
13 original worshipers of Richmond Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich  
14 tradition and history; and

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

23 its 115 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best  
24 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 Richmond Baptist Church's  
27 Reverend Eugene Barney, Jr.