

## House Resolution 124

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Springfield Baptist Church on the occasion of its 225th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Springfield Baptist Church maintains a historic place in the City of Augusta,  
4 the State of Georgia, and the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, this house of worship has reached a time-tested age of 225 years and is an  
6 undying testament to its past and present congregations; and

7 WHEREAS, Springfield Baptist Church, founded in 1787 by Reverend Jesse Peters Galphin,  
8 holds an unbroken record of existence as the oldest African American Baptist Church in the  
9 United States with continuous service; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the early history and the present influence of Springfield Baptist Church reflects  
12 a deep commitment to the equal and inalienable natural rights among which are life, liberty,  
13 and the pursuit of happiness; and

14 WHEREAS, Springfield Baptist Church serves as a shadow by day and a pillar by night to  
15 all who are defenders of religious liberty and tolerance; and

16 WHEREAS, Springfield Baptist Church on this day remembers her past, preserves our  
17 heritage, and strengthens her legacy; and

18 WHEREAS, with the spiritual guidance and leadership of its pastor, Reverend Hardy S.  
19 Bennings III, Springfield Baptist Church will continue to be a beacon of light for the City of  
20 Augusta, the State of Georgia, and the United States of America.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body recognize Springfield Baptist Church for its rich and

23 unprecedented history, commend it on its 225 years of dedicated service to the Lord, her  
24 community, her state, and her country, and extend best wishes for continued growth and  
25 success.

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