

House Resolution 290

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Battles of the 15th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Michael Abernathy for his superior efforts during
2 a natural disaster; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Michael Abernathy is the senior pastor of the Creekside Fellowship
4 Church; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Adairsville was struck by an EF3 tornado on January 30, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, the tornado resulted in loss of life and the loss of property valued in excess of
7 \$75 million; and

8 WHEREAS, the devastation wrought by the tornado overwhelmed the community and the
9 capacity for the immediate response by both agencies and organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Abernathy and the Creekside Fellowship Church, in cooperation and
11 coordination with many other local churches and charities, undertook the initial responsibility
12 of providing shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance, and spiritual and emotional care and
13 support to victims of the tornado within hours of the incident; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Abernathy and the Creekside Fellowship Church coordinated and
15 directed the mobilization of thousands of individual volunteers for the recovery efforts that
16 followed the tornado; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Abernathy and the Creekside Fellowship Church helped procure the
18 charitable use of more than a dozen pieces of heavy equipment from individuals and
19 corporations to assist in the cleanup efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, through their hard work and dedication to the Adairsville community, Reverend
21 Abernathy and the Creekside Fellowship Church have saved the taxpayers of the City of

22 Adairsville, Bartow County, and the State of Georgia millions of dollars in cleanup,
23 recovery, and reconstruction costs.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Reverend Michael Abernathy on his service to his
26 community and the State of Georgia.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Michael
29 Abernathy.