

House Resolution 859

By: Representative Gravley of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. James R. Burdette on the occasion of his 40th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. James R. Burdette, "Pastor Jim," was born in Bremen, Georgia, on October
4 28, 1950; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Jim has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing
6 Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and
7 spiritual needs of others; and

8 WHEREAS, he earned his Associate's Degree and Bachelor of Arts degrees in ministry from
9 Immanuel Baptist College, his Master of Arts in ministry from Luther Rice Seminary, and
10 his Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Baptist Seminary and has been certified as a behavioral
11 science consultant and a teacher trainer in Christianity explored evangelism and evangelism
12 explosion programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Jim has served his country in the United States Air Force as an electronic
14 technician during the Vietnam War and the U.S. Air Force Reserve as an electronic
15 technician; and

16 WHEREAS, he has served the Lord through the ministry as associate pastor and minister of
17 evangelism for Calvary Baptist Church and pastor for Tallapoosa East Baptist Church,
18 Sweetwater Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Tyrone, and New Georgia Baptist
19 Church; and

20 WHEREAS, in partnership with Dr. S. Ed Hoard and in consultation with the Georgia
21 Baptist State Convention Evangelism Department, Pastor Jim developed training material
22 and training procedures for pastors and laymen for "Christianity Explored," an evangelism
23 program that is now marketed nationally; and

24 WHEREAS, he served as evangelism director and on the Credential Committee for the
25 Haralson Baptist Association, as president of the Pastor's Conference and on the Nominating
26 Committee for the West Metro Baptist Association, and as chairman of the Nominating
27 Committee for the Fairburn Baptist Association; and

28 WHEREAS, Pastor Jim is married to Mrs. Nita Kay Burdette, and they are the parents of two
29 beloved children, Sherri Burdette Brown and Cristy Burdette House; and

30 WHEREAS, under his visionary leadership, the church has continued to improve the lives
31 of its members and beyond, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding man
32 of God be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body congratulate Dr. James R. Burdette on the wonderful occasion of
35 his 40th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
36 fellowship and leadership.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James R. Burdette.