

House Resolution 1065

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Dr. Tom Jordan for his 25 years of leadership and service to the
2 congregation of the First Baptist Church in Epworth; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan and his wife, Priscilla, moved to Epworth in November, 1988, with
4 their two children, Christa and Jonathan; and

5 WHEREAS, during Dr. Jordan's tenure, the First Baptist Church in Epworth doubled in size,
6 increasing membership to an estimated total of 800 members, requiring multiple full-time
7 staff and personnel; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan has led the church through two building projects, the church's
9 sanctuary, which was expanded in 1997 to accommodate rapid membership growth, and the
10 education and fellowship building constructed in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, under Dr. Jordan's influence, The Ridge mission was begun in Blue Ridge and
12 has grown to become an independent church; and

13 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
14 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
15 humanitarian, Dr. Jordan serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body heartily commend Reverend Dr. Tom Jordan and express their
21 deepest gratitude for his service and leadership.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Tom Jordan.