

House Resolution 1073

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Central Baptist Church and its Reverend Michael Stevenson; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church was organized under the leadership of Reverend R.S.
4 Snellings at the corner of East Depot Street and Jarboe Street by a devout group who were
5 former members of the First Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia, in 1924; and

6 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church from 1950-1970, under the leadership of Reverend
7 Reeves, grew substantially with new membership and the acquisition of more land to
8 increase the building capacity and modernization of the structure of the church; and

9 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church rededicated itself to youth involvement from 1980-1994
10 under the leadership of Reverend John C. Strictland, with church membership continuing to
11 increase; and

12 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend W.G. Perkins,
13 continued progress from 2002-2005 with the transition to a full-time expansion of the youth
14 program, and the acquisition of property; and

15 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has rededicated itself to God with the focus of bringing
16 the church together under the present leadership of Reverend Michael Stevenson; and

17 WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has become a beacon of light and hope to LaGrange,
18 Georgia, through its 90 years of spiritual service for the community.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize Central Baptist Church for the outstanding leadership
21 displayed by its pastors, commend its 90 years of dedicated service, and congratulate and
22 welcome Reverend Michael Stevenson.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Central Baptist Church
25 of LaGrange, Georgia.