

House Resolution 1798

By: Representatives Howard of the 124th, Smith of the 125th, Frazier of the 126th, and Prince of the 127th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Sam Davis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Sam Davis is the pastor of Beulah Grove Baptist Church, and under his
3 leadership, the church has made unprecedented progress; he is preeminent in the preaching
4 and teaching of God's Word and in proclaiming God's gifts to His people; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has achieved several accomplishments during his pastorate at Beulah
6 Grove Baptist Church, including adding more than 5,000 members to the congregation,
7 developing a substance abuse recovery ministry, founding a comprehensive Christian
8 education division, and starting a "Golden Agers" ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Beulah Grove membership purchased and renovated a
10 former notorious nightclub for the purpose of converting it into a community resource center;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the church has also partnered with Broadway Baptist Church to co-sponsor and
13 organize the United Neighborhood Federal Credit Union, whose mission is to empower
14 communities toward financial freedom; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis is the CEO and chairman of two not for profit organizations, the
16 Beulah Grove Community Resource Center, Inc., and the 30901 Development Corporation,
17 Inc.; and

18 WHEREAS, these organizations have established programs and services for the community
19 which include a primary care medical center, case management services, youth services, an
20 enrichment program for children in kindergarten through 8th grade, financial planning
21 workshops, home ownership training seminars, housing developments, and a senior citizens
22 complex; and

23 WHEREAS, under Dr. Davis's leadership, the Beulah Grove Baptist Church has established
24 an aggressive evangelism campaign that includes a multimedia initiative of radio and
25 television ministries, a ministry presence on the Internet, and a not for profit newspaper that
26 seeks to share good news in print media; and

27 WHEREAS, he matriculated at Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina; attended
28 Morehouse School of Religion, where he was awarded a master's degree in clinical education
29 and pastoral counseling; and attended the Columbia Theological Seminary, where a
30 Doctorate of Ministry was conferred upon him; he later secured basic and advanced units in
31 clinical pastoral education from Fort Gordon, Georgia Regional Hospital, and the University
32 Hospital, Augusta, Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Davis has also received numerous military and academic honors and awards
34 and various appointments, including the opportunity to serve as regional vice chairman for
35 the 1999 Black Church Economic Summit Advisory Council, Federal Reserve Bank of
36 Boston, and as a faculty-staff member for the Congress of Christian Education, National
37 Baptist Convention; and

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

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Sam Davis for his commitment and
43 dedication to his congregation, community, and the State of Georgia.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Sam Davis.