

House Resolution 1836

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Smith Chapel United Methodist Church; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1878, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church was built in the northwestern
4 part of Coweta County, Georgia, with the forebearers in faith being the Parks, Wells, Pratt,
5 Smith, Clark, and Clay families; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1939, several church trustees and Reverend A. M. Bridges decided that a new
7 church needed to be built, to which the fellowship hall was concluded under Reverend
8 Beaton; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1974, Reverend J. C. Neal was sent to pastor the church and led it to a
10 remodeling in 1980 and increased membership until his retirement in 2006, becoming the
11 longest serving pastor in the church's history; and

12 WHEREAS, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church was subsequently blessed with service
13 under the pastorate of Reverend Anthony Trammell, who served for one year, and Reverend
14 Carl Von Epps, who served for six years, during which time, the church expanded the
15 fellowship hall and became full time; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2013, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church was sent its first female pastor,
17 Reverend Yolanda Jones-Colton, who holds firm to Paul's word on the church at Corinth that
18 "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which
19 God hath prepared for them that love Him"; and

20 WHEREAS, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church has become a beacon of light and hope
21 to greater Newnan, Georgia, through its 136 years of outstanding spiritual service for the
22 community.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Smith Chapel United Methodist Church
25 and express their most sincere best wishes for its continued success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Smith Chapel United
28 Methodist Church.