

House Resolution 1837

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Warren Temple United Methodist Church; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Warren Temple United Methodist Church was organized in late 1865 through
4 meetings in several sanctuaries and private homes under the leadership of various white local
5 ministers and ex-slaves over the latter half of the 19th Century; and

6 WHEREAS, Warren Temple United Methodist Church is named in honor of Bishop Henry
7 W. Warren, a northern Methodist bishop who spoke at the church during the building phase
8 in 1882; and

9 WHEREAS, the church established one of the first schools for African American students
10 under the name LaGrange Academy, later known as LaGrange Seminary and the John King
11 School, which was the forerunner of East Depot High School, the pre-integration black
12 preparatory school in the LaGrange City School System; and

13 WHEREAS, the current edifice was built in the 1930s at the corner of East Depot and Union
14 Streets, with the unique architecture of the Beaux Arts style, featuring many beautiful
15 windows dedicated in memory to early Warren Temple United Methodist Church members;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Warren Temple United Methodist Church has been blessed over the past quarter
18 century with growth and outstanding community leadership from its members and pastors
19 Bishop L. Scott Allen, Reverend Derrick Rhodes, Reverend James Reed, Reverend Martha
20 Randall, Reverend Bettye Holland, Reverend Aubrey Thompson, Reverend Dr. Sherry
21 Austin, and current pastor Reverend Vincent J. Dominique; and

22 WHEREAS, Warren Temple United Methodist Church has become a beacon of light and
23 hope to LaGrange, Georgia, through its nearly 150 years of spiritual service for the
24 community and outstanding leadership.

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

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Warren Temple United
30 Methodist Church.