

House Resolution 1870

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Bentley of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Pastor Franklin Holmes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Franklin Holmes was born on March 20, 1964, in Talbotton, Georgia,
3 and this year, he enjoys the rare distinction of celebrating his 50th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is the pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Talbotton, Georgia, and has
5 held that position since July, 2005; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Pastor Holmes received an associate's degree from Upson Technical College,
7 where he studied electrical technology; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was licensed on January 26, 2003, at Valley Grove Baptist Church in
9 Manchester, Georgia, under the leadership of Bishop Jimmy Copeland; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Pastor Holmes went on to earn a degree in theology in 2006 from the American
11 Theological Baptist College; and
- 12 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, he serves as a Talbot County
13 commissioner and has served as chairman for the Talbot County Department of Family and
14 Children, vice chairman for the Talbot County Building and Zoning Board, and vice
15 chairman for the Valley Grove Deacon Ministry; and
- 16 WHEREAS, today, Pastor Holmes participates in the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce
17 and the Chattahoochee Valley Partnership; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including the Dr. Ira Hicks Community
19 Service Award and the HRP Achievement Award; and

20 WHEREAS, a ministerial visionary, entrepreneurial trailblazer, political advocate, and
21 spiritual leader, Pastor Holmes is determined, loving, and faithful and is a man who believes
22 in God for all things; and

23 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
24 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

25 WHEREAS, Pastor Holmes possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience
26 and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of
27 life; and

28 WHEREAS, by the example he has made of his life, he makes this world a better place in
29 which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized during this
30 very special and memorable time of his life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Pastor Franklin Holmes for his unselfish, dedicated, and
33 loving service to the members of his family and the citizens of his community and state;
34 congratulate him on the remarkable occasion of his 50th birthday; and extend the most
35 sincere best wishes for his continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Franklin Holmes.