

House Resolution 1941

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mount Olive United Methodist Church on the occasion of its
2 140th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Mount Olive United Methodist Church have blossomed, establishing
5 a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1874, John D. Ray, a former slave overseer and Confederate captain, gave
7 a plot of land in the town of Raymond in Coweta County to a group of seven black trustees,
8 to be used as a place of worship in the founding of Mount Olive Methodist Episcopal
9 Church; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1938, the trustees purchased one acre of land from H. W. McDonald for the
11 church site also in the town of Raymond, and in 1948, the church acquired new land to begin
12 construction of a church on Big Poplar Road in Newnan under the leadership of Reverend
13 J. W. Queen; and

14 WHEREAS, after a merger of several international church bodies in 1968, the church
15 became Mount Olive United Methodist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Mount Olive United Methodist Church has grown under the divine direction
17 of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1977, ground was broken for a new church under the leadership of Reverend
20 M. F. Davis after which the beloved Reverend W. C. Golphin served as pastor for 23 years,
21 and in 2003, Reverend Michael Cain became the church's first Caucasian minister, leading
22 the church in a new era of commitment and spirituality; and

23 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
24 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
25 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

26 WHEREAS, members of Mount Olive United Methodist Church have a sincere desire to
27 serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Mount Olive United Methodist
33 Church, commend its 140 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend
34 their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mount Olive United
37 Methodist Church.