

House Resolution 1945

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending White Plains United Methodist Church; and for other
2 purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, with roots tracing back to 1860, White Plains United Methodist Church has
7 grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, including Reverend J.
8 D. Grier, Jr.; Reverend A. P. Mitchell; Reverend W. W. Wideman; and Reverend R. W.
9 Sutton; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1979, Reverend W. H. Hubbard led the church's transition from the
11 Hogansville Parish to the Neal Parish, and in 1986, Reverend W. E. Geter began 17 years of
12 service which led to the creation of several new ministries, the purchase of land, and
13 improvements to the sanctuary and church grounds; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2003, Reverend Nathale F. Walthall added weekly Bible Study and an
15 enhanced Youth Ministry, and in 2006, Reverend YoLanda Jones-Colton began her seven
16 years of spirit-filled service as the first woman pastor of the church, leading the church to
17 innovative ideas, including the addition of many annual events and beautification of the
18 church; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Carl Von Epps began his service to the church in 2013 with a vision
20 of leading the church to new heights and allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the
21 community; and

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

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

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

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

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