

House Resolution 357

By: Representatives Carter of the 175th, Sharper of the 177th, Corbett of the 174th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Macedonia First Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th
2 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 Macedonia First Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history as the oldest African-American church in Valdosta, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1865, Macedonia First Baptist Church has grown under the divine
7 direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout
8 the community; and

9 WHEREAS, the church was originally founded by Reverend Charles Anderson, and in 1909,
10 Pastor A.W. Bryan supervised the construction of the current sanctuary location at 715 J.L.
11 Lomax Drive; and

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

15 WHEREAS, members of Macedonia First Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the
16 Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

17 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2015, Macedonia First Baptist Church celebrates its 150th
18 anniversary with homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former
19 members, friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Macedonia First Baptist Church,
25 commend its 150 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their
26 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Macedonia First Baptist Church.