

House Resolution 987

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Scott of the 76th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Smyre of the 135th, and Abrams of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mt. Zion 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 trustees,
4 Frank McCoy, Seth Sewell, and Wilson Battle, and the devoted original worshipers of Mt.
5 Zion Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1866, Mt. Zion 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 the current pastor Revered Robert J. Stanley is continuing this tradition;
9 and

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

13 WHEREAS, members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord,
14 are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, and have created
15 various organizations, including the Baptist Training Union, which includes the missionary
16 department, usher board, mother board, and the choirs; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2016, Mt. Zion Baptist Church celebrates its 150th anniversary with
18 homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former members, friends,
19 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 Mt. Zion Baptist Church, commend
25 its 150 years of dedicated service to the Lord and its community, and extend their warmest
26 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 Mt.
29 Zion Baptist Church.