

House Resolution 479

By: Representative Nix of the 69<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church and its Sacred Harp  
2 singing event, on the occasion of its 150th 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 Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church blossomed and established a rich  
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, this church was organized in Heard County, Georgia, in 1867, by James A.  
7 Denney, a Civil War veteran, who donated the land and organized neighbors to aid in the  
8 construction; and

9 WHEREAS, though Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church is no longer an active church, it  
10 hosts the Sacred Harp singing event every year; and

11 WHEREAS, the church began the Sacred Harp event singing in 1868, which takes place  
12 every third Sunday in June; and

13 WHEREAS, the Sacred Harp singing event is the oldest continuously occurring event in  
14 Heard County, and many of James A. Denney's descendants, along with local families, meet  
15 again to sing the old songs, greet family, and enjoy dinner on the old church grounds; and

16 WHEREAS, this renowned and historical church and its annual singing have inspired many  
17 over the ages and continues to bring individuals from all over the world together in one  
18 accord to worship Jesus Christ.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body recognize and commend the rich history of Hopewell Primitive  
21 Baptist Church and its Sacred Harp singing event on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
24 Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church.