

## Senate Resolution 573

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Springfield Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its  
2 126th 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 Springfield Missionary Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing  
5 a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1891, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church has grown under the  
7 divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread  
8 throughout the community; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the vision and direction of Reverend C. Derrick Shelton, Sr., have helped  
13 Springfield Missionary Baptist Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community  
14 like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church celebrates its 126th anniversary with  
19 homecoming events and worship services and invites all current and former members,  
20 friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 recognize the rich history of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, commend its 126 years  
26 of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for  
27 its continued growth and success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Springfield  
30 Missionary Baptist Church.