

House Resolution 901

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church on the grand occasion
2 of its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church will be
4 celebrated on January 19, 2020, at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Guyton,
5 Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the history of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church can be traced back to the
7 "peculiar institution" of slavery; and

8 WHEREAS, the church's origins and rich history stand as a factual and informational account
9 of the legacy left behind by its founding members; and

10 WHEREAS, on January 17, 1870, ex-slaves were permitted to withdraw their attendance
11 from the Old Providence Baptist Church in Guyton, Georgia; twenty-four of these ex-slaves
12 formed the Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Inman Bryant; and

13 WHEREAS, the following ministers have served Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church:
14 Rev. W.M. Dunn, October 1908–1948; Rev. W.S. Scott, November 1948–September 1950;
15 Rev. R F. Thompson, January 1951–May 1952; Rev. E.G. Lane, September 1952 until his
16 death on November 20, 1957; Rev. Charles Hall, September 1968 until his death on February
17 14, 1993; Rev. Samuel L. Hutchinson, March 1994–September 1998; and Rev. Delmons
18 White, April 19, 1999–January 31, 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, the church is currently under the leadership of Rev. Lon Maurice Harden, who
20 reminds the members to continue "pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling
21 of God in Christ Jesus" and to never forget that nothing "shall be able to separate them from
22 the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"; and

23 WHEREAS, the members of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church are truly recipients of
24 God's unmerited favor; and

25 WHEREAS, their selection of the theme "150 Years of Abiding in the Vine" expresses their
26 commitment to God and reminds them of their victories, defeats, achievements, failures,
27 successes, and struggles; and

28 WHEREAS, the entire community has benefited from the wonderful impact this church has
29 made throughout the years, and it is abundantly fitting and proper to honor the members of
30 this congregation on this memorable occasion.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
33 on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years
34 of successful fellowship, leadership, and worship.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.