

## Senate Resolution 657

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Unterman of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st and Wilkinson of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Central Baptist Church on the occasion of its 130th  
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 what was then Chestnut Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing  
5 a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, the story of Chestnut Baptist Church is one of triumph through the grace and  
7 sustaining power of God, and it stands as an immovable witness to the truth that God keeps  
8 His promise; and

9 WHEREAS, the church has been a vital part of the Hall County community, both religiously  
10 and historically; and

11 WHEREAS, organized in 1890 under the name of Chestnut Street Mission, the original 15  
12 members would congregate in the local schoolhouse that was graciously donated by Miss  
13 Amanda McCants; the church was renamed Chestnut Baptist Church in 1891; and

14 WHEREAS, the church was renamed Central Baptist Church following the 1903 tornado that  
15 tore across Gainesville, and the work on the current building was completed in 1932 with  
16 many of the original features, including a baptismal pool that is one of the oldest baptismal  
17 pools in this state and beautiful priceless and irreplaceable stained glass windows; and

18 WHEREAS, the church started with 15 members and currently hosts more than 150; peak  
19 attendance occurred in the mid 1900s, when the Sunday school had nearly 1,000 members;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, many of the current members have been life-long members, and the goal of the  
22 church is simple: to love others and love Christ; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 recognize the rich history of Central Baptist Church, commend its 130 years of dedicated  
28 service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued  
29 growth and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Central Baptist  
32 Church.