

House Resolution 1011

By: Representative Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the seeds that were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of the Eden Missionary Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a
5 rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1872, the Eden 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 that it demonstrates daily through
11 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Bryant and Reverend Norris were instrumental in building the first
13 church for Black people in the community on a site one mile north of Eden in 1872, and
14 during that same year, the site was later deeded to the church by Deacon James Buford, and
15 the church was named after the community of Eden; and

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

18 WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, the Eden Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 150th
19 anniversary with homecoming events and worship services, and it invites all current and
20 former members, 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 commended for its innumerable good works rendered
23 on behalf of persons in need.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize the rich history of the Eden Missionary Baptist Church,
26 commend its 150 years of dedicated service to the Lord and to the community, and extend
27 their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

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