

House Resolution 616

By: Representatives Williams of the 89th, Stephenson of the 92nd, Mangham of the 94th, Mosby of the 90th, and Sailor of the 93rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Reverend Michael Benton on the occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Michael Benton has served as the esteemed pastor of Fairfield Baptist
4 Church in Lithonia, Georgia, for the past 30 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Benton began his spiritual walk at the Big Miller Grove Baptist Church
6 in Lithonia, Georgia, accepting his calling to preach the Word of the Lord on May 29, 1975,
7 and preaching his first public message in August 1975; and

8 WHEREAS, he was licensed in 1976 and ordained in 1977, the same year he became the
9 proud pastor of Fairfield Baptist Church, shepherding approximately 200 members for two
10 Sundays a month; and

11 WHEREAS, his inspirational message has attracted others to the church and the membership
12 currently totals over 2,000, resulting in an expansion which includes a Family Life Center,
13 an Administrative and Educational Center built in 2002, and a parking deck erected in 2004;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Benton's many achievements will stand as symbols of dignity, pride,
16 and honor for his congregation and the citizens of this state for generations to come.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body honor Reverend Michael Benton on the occasion of his 30th
19 pastoral anniversary at Fairfield Baptist Church and express to him their immense gratitude
20 and respect.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Michael Benton.