

## House Resolution 445

By: Representatives Jones of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, Ballard of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, and Blackmon of the 146<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fellowship Bible Baptist Church on the occasion of its 45th  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 45 years ago on Sunday, February 10, 1980, in Buzzell Village, Building 10,  
4 in Warner Robins, Georgia, a worship service was held and led by Reverend Willie L. Reid  
5 Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1981, the congregation of 25 members purchased 10 acres of land on Dunbar  
7 Road in Warner Robins, Georgia, and on May 1, 1983, that small congregation, then known  
8 as Fellowship Bible Baptist Church, purchased 48 acres of land and moved into their new  
9 sanctuary, where in 1984 they added an educational wing; and

10 WHEREAS, in March 1998, Fellowship purchased 48 additional acres of land, and in 2003,  
11 ground was broken for a new Fellowship Hall that was completed in 2004, now known as  
12 the Willie L. Reid Multi-purpose Building; and

13 WHEREAS, as the church's footprint increased, a substantial number of new members were  
14 added to the Church; the people progressed as they fed on the mantra of faith Pastor Reid  
15 often declared: "If you can see it, that ain't it"; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2003, Pastor Reid cast the vision for a new sanctuary, and on January 16,  
17 2011, Fellowship marched into the "Faith Dome"; and

18 WHEREAS, after many years of faithful service, God called the church's founding pastor to  
19 heavenly rest on May 4, 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, Pastor Reid did not stand alone; he was supported by "His Loving Wife," Sister  
21 Gloria H. Reid, and their three loving children; and

22 WHEREAS, in February 2015, Pastor Tolan Morgan was called to pastor Fellowship Bible  
23 Baptist Church; under his leadership, the SHIP has grown not only numerically but also  
24 spiritually. The various ministries at the SHIP regularly and successfully reach out beyond  
25 the church walls to meet the needs of those in the communities; and

26 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Fellowship continued to lead the way in  
27 impacting its community with mass food distribution, vaccination services, health screenings,  
28 and real-time worldwide virtual worship services; and

29 WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, Fellowship Bible Baptist Church has experienced rapid,  
30 consistent growth to the current membership of approximately 3,500 active members, and  
31 ministries are being revised, facility upgrades are in progress, training is being expanded for  
32 believers and workers, and outreach efforts continue to meet the needs of all people; and

33 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Morgan, Fellowship Bible Baptist Church  
34 furthers its impact on the lives of all people inside and outside of the church.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Fellowship Bible Baptist Church,  
37 commend its 45 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their  
38 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
41 Fellowship Bible Baptist Church.