

House Resolution 935

By: Representative Taylor of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Bald Rock Baptist Church and congratulating Pastor Christopher M. Shipp on
2 the occasion of his 28th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bald Rock Baptist Church was established in approximately 1861, as Rockdale
4 County's first African American Congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, the plantation where Bald Rock Baptist Church was located served as a place
6 for slaves to worship; and

7 WHEREAS, the original Bald Rock Baptist Church structure is located on Costley Mill Road
8 at the Georgia International Horse Park, and is now a historic site; and

9 WHEREAS, the current Bald Rock Baptist Church building was built in 1994, by its
10 members and under the guidance of the late Reverend Jack Maulsby and the Board of
11 Deacons; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Christopher M. Shipp became Shepherd of Bald Rock Baptist Church
13 in February of 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Bald Rock Baptist Church grow in size and
15 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
16 leader and place for fellowship; and

17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
19 humanitarian, Pastor Christopher M. Shipp serves as a shining example of God's righteous
20 path; and

21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Christopher M. Shipp is
22 a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize Bald Rock Baptist Church for its historical presance in
25 Rockdale County, congratulate Pastor Christopher M. Shipp on the occasion of his 28th
26 pastoral anniversary, and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship
27 and leadership.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
30 Christopher M. Shipp and Bald Rock Baptist Church.