

House Resolution 1128

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Clark of the 108th, Beckles of the 96th, and Ali of the 106th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 175th
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 Chestnut Grove Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1850, Chestnut Grove Baptist Church has grown under the divine
7 direction of more than 50 pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread
8 throughout the Grayson community and beyond; and

9 WHEREAS, the church was founded when nine men, Rev. William Seamon Moore, John
10 Carroll, James G. H. Herring, Nathan Fowler, James Johnson, Jethro Norris, Isaac Petty,
11 George Petty, and James Young, gathered with their families beneath a brush arbor to
12 proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, forming a fellowship that quickly grew to nearly 50
13 people; and

14 WHEREAS, within two years of its founding, the church acquired two acres of land and
15 constructed a log cabin for worship, which also served as the area's only school, Trip
16 Academy, for many years; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1873, the church erected a wooden structure that served the congregation and
18 community until a new building was completed in 1911; now known as the LifeHouse, this
19 place remains a prominent fixture on the campus today; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2001, a new sanctuary was constructed on the north end of the campus to
21 accommodate the church's growing membership and evolving needs; and

22 WHEREAS, the church's current pastor, Dr. Chris Alexander, was called to lead the church
23 in 2018, and he continues to shepherd the congregation alongside his wife, Meredith, and
24 their children, Landry and Amelia; and

25 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
26 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service that it demonstrates daily through
27 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve
29 the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

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

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church,
38 commend its 175 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend warmest
39 best wishes for its continued growth and success.

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