

House Resolution 1899

By: Representative Powell of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. F. Hugh Kirby; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, we paused with grateful hearts to remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr.  
3 F. Hugh Kirby, who was born on February 13, 1939, in Drayton, South Carolina, and  
4 departed this earthly life on July 12, 2025, in Hartwell, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirby faithfully served as a minister of the gospel for more than 66 years,  
6 devoting his life to proclaiming God's truth, shepherding His people, and modeling the love  
7 of Christ through humility, grace, and unwavering faith; and

8 WHEREAS, a devoted lifelong learner, who pursued knowledge with passion and purpose,  
9 earning degrees from Furman university in Greenville, South Carolina; the Southern Baptist  
10 Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and Columbia Theological Seminary in  
11 Atlanta, Georgia, he continually deepened his faith and understanding of God's word; and

12 WHEREAS, through his ministry, Dr. Kirby faithfully served many congregations, including  
13 First Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina; Victory Memorial Baptist Church in  
14 Louisville, Kentucky; Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia; First Baptist Church in  
15 Raleigh, North Carolina; Dunwoody Baptist Church in Dunwoody, Georgia; and Hartwell

16 First Methodist Church in Hartwell, Georgia, always preaching with passion, compassion,  
17 and conviction; and

18 WHEREAS, he also served as senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in West Lafayette,  
19 Indiana, and Hartwell Baptist Church in Hartwell, Georgia, where his leadership, vision, and  
20 pastoral care left an indelible mark on the lives of his congregation; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirby was a thought-provoking and encouraging preacher, whose words  
22 inspired reflection, growth, and hope; he was a teacher who fed both mind and soul with  
23 truth, humor, and grace; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a wonderful educator, especially gifted in teaching children the love of  
25 Christ, and was affectionately known as the "master of the children's sermon," delighting and  
26 inspiring young hearts with his warmth, creativity, and care; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. F. Hugh Kirby will long be  
28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. F. Hugh Kirby and  
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
35 family of Dr. F. Hugh Kirby.