

By: Representatives Shows, Staples

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SHELTON
2 BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY,
3 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE.

4 WHEREAS, Shelton Baptist Church, in Moselle, Mississippi,
5 began its journey on Sunday, September 4, 1907, when 16
6 individuals obtained dismissal from the Fellowship Church and
7 entered into a covenant with one another, subscribing to the
8 regulations of the Tallahalla Association; and

9 WHEREAS, the charter members of the newly formed church were:
10 Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Bonner, Mr. and Mrs.
11 Joshua Grantham, J.J. Odom, I.J. Odom, Leona Odom, Bridget
12 Tisdale, Edna Grantham, Elizabeth Odom, Carrie Lettett, Ollie
13 Sellers, G.W. Callahan and Ida Callahan; and

14 WHEREAS, the covenant being signed, the presbytery was
15 elected by move and second by Rev. R.J. Loper and Mr. M.H.
16 Sheppard, thence the Articles of Faith were adopted and the newly
17 formed presbytery declared as an organized body; and

18 WHEREAS, the church, located in an area populated by
19 approximately 20 families, served by a post office and a general
20 store located about one mile northwest of its present location,
21 took its name from the community that it was to serve, which was
22 called Shelton because of a nearby creek and the name of the local
23 post office; and

24 WHEREAS, having established its mission statement, "A
25 fellowship of baptized believers in Christ striving to be real
26 disciples. We are loving, worshiping and obeying God, sharing
27 Christ and equipping people for ministry," Shelton Baptist Church

28 has, in its first 100 years, erected two buildings for worship,
29 educational space, pastor's home and a family life center; and

30 WHEREAS, affiliated with the Jones County Baptist Church
31 Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern
32 Baptist Convention, Shelton Baptist Church has, over its rich
33 history, been led by 26 dynamic leaders who preached the
34 unadulterated gospel and made great strides in the advancement and
35 growth of the church, including: Rev. R.J. Loper, Bro. Bruce
36 Hilburn, Bro. B.A. Ashworth, Bro. A.A. Bryant, Rev. C.M. Grayson,
37 Bro. Gaston Mooney, Bro. J.C. Murphy, Bro. J.E. Nix, Bro. Paul Z.
38 Ball, Bro. L.O. Dewease, Rev. Jack Cranford, Rev. V.C. Windham,
39 Rev. Reece Acklen, Rev. C.R. Robinson, Bro. Charles Brady, Dr. T.
40 R. Coulter, Jr., Bro. James Haynes, Rev. Gerald O'Dom, Bro. Joel
41 Ray, Bro. G.W. Smith, Bro. Herbert Kinmon, Bro. Eddie Parker, Bro.
42 Terry Goodman, Bro. Henry Truell, Dr. Ronnie Bishop and Bro.
43 Charles Brady; and

44 WHEREAS, Shelton Baptist Church has been a beacon in the
45 community, having contributed both spiritually and culturally to
46 its community by promoting the love of God, self and education;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, with excitement, humility and awe, Shelton Baptist
49 Church looks back upon its past achievements, and with sincere
50 thankfulness acknowledges God's grace and love, which have carried
51 them triumphantly throughout its 100-year legacy; and

52 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
53 outstanding and contributory religious institutions such as
54 Shelton Baptist Church, which continues to be a vital part of
55 the Shelton Community:

56 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
57 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
58 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the diligence

59 of the pastors and members of Shelton Baptist Church upon the
60 occasion of the church's 100th year anniversary and extend warmest
61 wishes for continued prosperity, spiritual growth and success.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Shelton Baptist Church and to the members of the
64 Capitol Press Corps.