

By: Representative Miles

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FOREST
2 BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL
3 ANNIVERSARY, ACKNOWLEDGING THE CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS OF DEVOUT
4 FAITH AND SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE.

5 WHEREAS, Forest Baptist Church, which was established on May
6 12, 1867, during the first conference meeting of the Baptist
7 Church of Christ, and which joined the Mount Pisgah Association on
8 August 3, 1867, proudly anticipates the celebration of the most
9 auspicious occasion of its 150th anniversary on August 26-27,
10 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, under the pastorate of Reverend J.B. Hamblin, the
12 Forest Baptist congregation began worshiping in the Presbyterian
13 Church on the first Sunday of each month until their new sanctuary
14 was completed in 1874, during which period the church
15 simultaneously appointed a committee to meet with the convention
16 at Springfield Church for the purpose of organizing a new
17 association, which was formed and affirmed as the Springfield
18 Association; and



19 WHEREAS, well into the early years of the 20th century, the
20 membership of Forest Baptist had increased substantially and
21 experienced continued steady growth, having already witnessed the
22 organization of a Ladies Missionary Society on June 1, 1877, its
23 first Baptist Young People's Union 1897 and joining the Hopewell
24 Association before uniting with the Scott County Association in
25 1921 and by the end of the year in 1941 the membership had
26 exponentially increased to 530 congregants; and

27 WHEREAS, in November 1947, the church voted to exchange
28 property with the S.E. Lackey Memorial Hospital Committee for the
29 construction of a new church, held a ground breaking ceremony on
30 May 16, 1948, and held its first worship service on October 16,
31 1949, with the additional completed construction of an education
32 building in March 1957, and the church was renovated in 1974 and
33 again in 1992; and

34 WHEREAS, the members of Forest Baptist Church maintain an
35 unshakable faith, and have continued to labor as diligent workers
36 in the vineyard to replant, rebuild and continue to walk in the
37 path of spiritual righteousness; and

38 WHEREAS, having maintained the resolve to worship and serve
39 God by being a blessing and of service to others, the church has
40 been led by the pastoral guidance of 34 ministers on record,
41 including: Reverends W.R. Butler, J.B. Hamberlin, W.R. Butler,
42 R.N. Hall, W.P. Carter, W.L. Skinner, C.M. Gordon, J.H. Grundy,
43 J.A. Hackett, Clarence Sansing, W.N. Nathan, G.S. Jenkins, W.H.



44 Thompson, Owen Williams, J.C. Richardson, D.A. Youngblood, W.C.
45 Howard, A.B. Wood, B.W. Walker, W.L. Holcomb, L.E. Smith, N.F.
46 Davis, Jr., J.F. Brantley, H.D. Smith, Jr., Frank Gunn, Clyde
47 Little, Charles Belt, S.A. (Sonny) Adkins, Gordon Sansing, Jimmy
48 Porter, Scott Fortenberry, Rick Blythe and Joe Pate; and

49 WHEREAS, Forest Baptist Church continues its journey of
50 reaching souls for the Lord Jesus Christ as it participates in
51 foreign, national and state missions and is a dedicated place of
52 worship for many in the Gum Springs area; and

53 WHEREAS, with excitement, humility and awe, Forest Baptist
54 Church looks back on its past achievements, and with sincere
55 thankfulness acknowledges God's grace and love, which have brought
56 them through the years and have given them triumphant victory; and

57 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
58 and commend outstanding and contributory religious institutions
59 such as Forest Baptist Church, which continues to be a cornerstone
60 of Scott County as it strives continuously to promote the spread
61 and growth of the Christian faith:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
63 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
64 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the diligence
65 of the pastors and members of Forest Baptist Church on the
66 occasion of the church's 150th year anniversary and extend warmest
67 wishes for continued prosperity, spiritual growth and success.



68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
69 furnished to Forest Baptist Church and to the members of the
70 Capitol Press Corps.

