

House Resolution 101

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the  
2 wonderful occasion of its 156th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as a nation united and founded under God, the religious institutions of this  
4 country have set standards for moral values, charity for those less fortunate, and freedom to  
5 worship God; and

6 WHEREAS, Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Americus, Georgia,  
7 was originally organized 156 years ago during the early days of the forming of this state, and  
8 such establishments helped this state's communities grow strong in faith and compassion; and

9 WHEREAS, the seeds sown in that initial small gathering by the loving and humble efforts  
10 of the devoted original worshipers of Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
11 have blossomed, allowing the church to grow from its original beginnings to its current  
12 brotherhood and sisterhood; and

13 WHEREAS, this church has benefited many people and has been a guiding beacon of hope  
14 for souls over these many years thanks to the divine direction of numerous men and women  
15 of God, including the inspirational and devoted pastors and church leaders who have been  
16 called to serve; and

17 WHEREAS, the church has most recently been blessed by the outstanding leadership of  
18 Reverend Doctor John Wesley Bass, the anniversary speaker and former pastor of Campbell  
19 Chapel, as well as Reverend Lodenia Coleman, the church's current blessed pastor; and

20 WHEREAS, this church will celebrate its 156th anniversary at the "Rejoicing in Hope"  
21 celebration, which will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015, at the Allen Chapel AME  
22 Church in Americus, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for the innumerable good works rendered  
25 throughout the past 156 years.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
28 for its rich history and 156 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community and extend  
29 best wishes for its continued growth and success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.