

House Resolution 1337

By: Representative Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Carrie Morine "Betty" Hammond for her abiding faith
2 and commitment to Mount Zion First Baptist Church of Smyrna; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mount Zion First Baptist Church is 141 years old, and serving as an instrument
4 of God, Mrs. Carrie Morine "Betty" Hammond has faithfully served and played piano for
5 Mount Zion for 77 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hammond, a self-taught pianist, began playing the piano in 1940 for
7 Mount Zion First Baptist Church at the age of nine when her grandfather, the late Reverend
8 Henry D. Davenport, was pastor; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hammond was raised by her mother, Missouri Burton, alongside three
10 sisters and four brothers, and her husband, the late Reverend Guy Frank Hammond, passed
11 away several years ago; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hammond has been blessed with three wonderful sons, four remarkable
13 grandchildren, and eight incredible great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, by God's grace, she opened the ears and hearts of those at Mount Zion First
15 Baptist Church through her musical gifts and deeply enriched the House of God by
16 embodying the beauty of holiness; and

17 WHEREAS, her devotion to God and to Mount Zion has served as an example of God's
18 everlasting love, as Mrs. Hammond has only missed one Sunday service since 1940 due to
19 an illness; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mrs. Hammond's commitment to God,
21 her family, and her community as evidenced through her musical talent be appropriately
22 recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this distinguished body recognize and commend Mrs. Carrie Morine "Betty"
25 Hammond for her abiding faith and commitment to Mount Zion First Baptist Church of
26 Smyrna.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs.
29 Carrie Morine "Betty" Hammond.