

House Resolution 1374

By: Representatives Mabra of the 63rd and Fludd of the 64th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Flint Ridge Baptist Church on the grand occasion of their 150th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1866, Reverend Berry Austin worked with several of God's servants to start
4 Flint Ridge Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Georgia, during the era of slavery; and

5 WHEREAS, the church's first services were held under an old bush arbor, quickly moved to
6 a log cabin, but later returned to the bush arbor since the congregation outgrew the cabin and
7 under the leadership of Reverend G.B. Austin, a new building was constructed; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1941, the Highway Department purchased the church to build Georgia
9 Highway 85, and the congregation built and later rebuilt a structure across the street where
10 it still stands to this day; and

11 WHEREAS, over time, the church evolved and thrived under the leadership of such pastors
12 as Reverend Grisson, Reverend W.B. Bell, Reverend W.W. Thomas, Reverend Gare,
13 Reverend A.S. Austin, Reverend E.A. Hargrove, Reverend K.J. Johnson, Reverend H.M.
14 Alexander, Reverend A.G. Henley, Reverend W.M. Covington, Reverend Howard Bussey,
15 Reverend Hopie Strickland, Reverend Robert Redding, Reverend Jerome Dukes, Reverend
16 Benjamin Clark, Reverend DL Dennis, Reverend Jerome Drakeford, and Reverend Kenneth
17 Robinson; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Eric M. Gurley began as an interim pastor and was officially installed
19 into the pastorship of Flint Ridge Baptist Church on July 28, 2012, and continues to grow the
20 church and its mission of glorifying God together with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize Flint Ridge Baptist Church on the grand occasion of its
23 150th anniversary and wish them continued success.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Flint
26 Ridge Baptist Church.