

House Resolution 1491

By: Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Parrish of the 158th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Poplar Springs Baptist Church on the occasion of its 150th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Poplar Springs Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1874, Poplar Springs Baptist Church has grown under the divine
7 direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout
8 the community; and

9 WHEREAS, the church is currently led by Matthew Vandegriff, under whose exemplary
10 guidance it continues to thrive and serve the community with dedication; and

11 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
12 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service, which it demonstrates daily through
13 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of Poplar Springs Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve
15 the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

16 WHEREAS, Poplar Springs Baptist Church further supports global aid missions, sending
17 mission teams to serve not only in the local community but also across the United States and
18 around the globe, including in Brazil and Uganda; and

19 WHEREAS, the story of Poplar Springs Baptist Church is one of triumph through the grace
20 and sustaining power of God, and it stands as an immovable witness to the truth that God
21 keeps His promise; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
23 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
24 on behalf of persons in need.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Poplar Springs Baptist Church,
27 commend its 150 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their
28 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Poplar Springs Baptist Church.