

## House Resolution 1527

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending New Providence 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 New Providence Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich  
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, with a love for the continued growth of God's work, a few dedicated Christians  
7 met together for a prayer meeting in the home of Sister Donald in 1870; this prayer meeting  
8 continued until there were enough members to organize a church pastored by Reverend  
9 Jessie Hatchett; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1914, the church's present land site was purchased; in 1917, with the deed  
11 of the land and \$35.00, the members decided to build a permanent structure; and in 1961,  
12 Reverend C.C. Cloud had the church incorporated with the city; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the members of New Providence Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve  
17 the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

18 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Thaddeus T. Spencer, New Providence  
19 Baptist Church became the first African American church to register with the Columbus  
20 African American History Museum and has established numerous programs which have  
21 improved the spiritual growth of the church and the surrounding community, including the  
22 marriage and prison ministries; and

23 WHEREAS, New Providence Baptist Church celebrates its 150th anniversary with  
24 homecoming events and worship services and invites all current and former members,  
25 friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize the rich history of New Providence Baptist Church,  
31 commend its 150 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their  
32 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to New  
35 Providence Baptist Church.