

House Resolution 1849

By: Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Peake of the 141st, Epps of the 144th, and Dickey of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Maurice Watson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Maurice Watson was born on July 21, 1960, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to
3 Ulysses and Juanita Watson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, at the young age of 16, Dr. Watson accepted the call to preach the gospel and
5 two years later was ordained; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in November, 1988, at the age of 28, Dr. Watson accepted the call to pastor the
7 Salem Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where he served for 15 1/2 years; Salem's
8 membership grew from 1,200 to more than 3,500 and the ministry was able to move into a
9 new, 42,000 square-foot, multi-million dollar facility by January 2000; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in early 2004, sensing a new call of God on his life, Dr. Watson accepted the
11 senior pastorate of Beulahland Bible Church in Macon, Georgia, and there began his current
12 assignment; and
- 13 WHEREAS, with the primary goal of "Changing the World from Middle Georgia,"
14 Dr. Watson's leadership took Beulahland to a second location, and after 5 1/2 months of
15 worship, the church was able to close on 13 acres of land to build a new worship facility for
16 the Centerville area; and
- 17 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the construction of a second worship facility on the Macon
18 campus grounds was initiated; this new, 40,000 square-foot edifice was completed in
19 October, 2009, and the membership now enjoys a state-of-the-art, 3,000-seat sanctuary
20 complete with custom sound and audio, new administrative offices, a café and bookstore, a
21 finance room, an intake room, and a videotaping room; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral calling, Dr. Watson also has a dynamic itinerant
23 preaching ministry that extends across the continent and globe; and

24 WHEREAS, he has been described as one of the premier preachers of our generation and is
25 well-known and sought after for his anointed, sound, and understandable proclamation of
26 God's Word; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2002, he served as the morning worship preacher at the Annual Hampton
28 Ministers' Association Conference where he later served as the conference preacher in 2005;
29 Dr. Watson has also served as the Chaplain of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Watson is motivated by his love for people, his love for preaching, and his
31 belief that no one is beyond God's reach.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Maurice Watson for 37 years of
34 ministry and ten years of service at Beulahland Bible Church and express to him their most
35 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Maurice Watson.