

House Resolution 292

By: Representatives Coomer of the 14th and Battles of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Associational Missionary David B. Franklin for his superior
2 efforts during a natural disaster; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Associational Missionary of the Bartow Baptist Association David B. Franklin
4 is also the executive director of Bartow Recovery.org; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Adairsville was struck by an EF3 tornado on January 30, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, the tornado resulted in loss of life and the loss of property valued in excess of
7 \$75 million; and

8 WHEREAS, the devastation wrought by the tornado overwhelmed the community and the
9 capacity for the immediate response by both agencies and organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, Missionary David B. Franklin and Bartow Recovery.org, in cooperation and
11 coordination with many other local churches and charities, undertook the initial responsibility
12 of providing shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance, and spiritual and emotional care and
13 support to victims of the tornado within hours of the incident; and

14 WHEREAS, Missionary Franklin and Bartow Recovery.org coordinated and directed the
15 mobilization of thousands of individual volunteers for the recovery efforts that followed the
16 tornado; and

17 WHEREAS, he helped procure the charitable use of more than a dozen pieces of heavy
18 equipment from individuals and corporations to assist in the cleanup efforts; and

19 WHEREAS, through their hard work and dedication to the Adairsville community,
20 Missionary Franklin and Bartow Recovery.org have saved the taxpayers of the City of

21 Adairsville, Bartow County, and the State of Georgia millions of dollars in cleanup,
22 recovery, and reconstruction costs.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Associational Missionary David B. Franklin on his
25 service to his community and the State of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Associational Missionary
28 David B. Franklin.