

Senate Resolution 1104

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Williams of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Poplar Springs Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, founded in 1871 by African American families from the Ellenwood community,
6 Poplar Springs Baptist Church has grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors
7 over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

8 WHEREAS, in the beginning, Poplar Springs Baptist Church held its worship services beside
9 a clear running spring beneath an arbor of poplar trees, which was just over the hill from the
10 current church; and

11 WHEREAS, the congregation united to protect themselves from oppression and the
12 internalization of unflattering stereotypes, which led to an emphasis on mutual cooperation,
13 joyful camaraderie, respect for elders, and an undisguised zest for life; and

14 WHEREAS, as the congregation grew over the years, the body of worshipers were successful
15 in securing the illustrious Reverend Willie Floyd from Atlanta, Georgia, and put their hearts,
16 minds, and finances together to construct the first church building; and

17 WHEREAS, Poplar Springs Baptist Church has encountered and overcome many storms and
18 is ever in the process of achieving greater things; and

19 WHEREAS, presently under the leadership of Reverend Ponder, the congregation of this
20 church has compiled an unparalleled record of constructive, compassionate, and
21 humanitarian service that it demonstrates daily through open minds, open hearts, and open
22 doors; and

23 WHEREAS, the members of Poplar Springs Baptist Church are wholeheartedly committed
24 to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to further this purpose have aided in the
25 construction of a new administrative office, sound room, and copy room with a digital copy
26 machine; purchase of three 16 passenger vans, a church annex, and a trailer to house Sunday
27 school classes and tutorial programs; and initiation of summer camps and community
28 outreach programs; and

29 WHEREAS, the plans at Poplar Springs Baptist Church are to build a larger and more
30 adequate building to house much needed ministries and outreach programs as well as a
31 sanctuary to further enhance the membership and community at large; and

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 recognize and commend the rich history of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and extend their
37 warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Poplar Springs
40 Baptist Church.