

Senate Resolution 700

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Williams of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Abilene Baptist Church on the occasion of its 250th
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 Abilene Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition
5 and history; and

6 WHEREAS, Abilene Baptist Church was founded in 1774 by Daniel Marshall, a Baptist who
7 was arrested for unlicensed preaching, and it now stands as one of the oldest churches in the
8 State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, since 2012, the congregation of Abilene Baptist Church has been led by Senior
10 Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt, under whose tenure the church has experienced significant growth and
11 involvement in the community; and

12 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
13 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
14 being the hands and feet of Jesus; and

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

17 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2024, Abilene Baptist Church celebrates its 250th anniversary at
18 the Columbia County Performing Arts Center in Evans, Georgia; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize the rich history of Abilene Baptist Church, commend its 250 years of dedicated
24 service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued
25 growth and success.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Abilene Baptist
28 Church.