

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 363
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/3/13**

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 21, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF SPRINGFIELD MEMORIAL
2 BAPTIST CHURCH WHILE OBSERVING THE CHURCH'S ONE HUNDRED
3 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Springfield Memorial Baptist Church, located in Stanley, North Carolina,
5 can trace its origin to 1863, when 12 people organized the Galilee Baptist Church (now First
6 Baptist) between the Towns of Stanley and Mount Holly; and

7 Whereas, the congregation later split into the Hickory Grove Baptist Church,
8 Galilee Baptist Church, and the Brunington Baptist Church, which remained on the grounds of
9 the original church; and

10 Whereas, Reverend Tom Barnwell served as the first pastor of the Brunington
11 Baptist Church; and

12 Whereas, after a few years, the church was destroyed by fire, and, on September 18,
13 1874, Rufus and Susan Friday donated land for a new church; and

14 Whereas, a log structure was built to serve as the church, which was named
15 Springfield Memorial Baptist Church in honor of the pastor at the time, Reverend Burton, who
16 came from Springfield, West Virginia; and

17 Whereas, the next pastors to serve Springfield Memorial Baptist Church included
18 Reverend George Washington, Reverend Ellis Lee, Reverend Ranson, Reverend Miles Beam,
19 Reverend R.D. Harris, who served as pastor of the church from 1908 to 1929 and helped to
20 build a new church, Reverend C.F. Gingles, Reverend J.W. Harriston, Reverend C.W. Thomas,
21 Reverend J.F. Wingate, Reverend P. Barnett, and Reverend T. Armstrong; and

22 Whereas, for 150 years, the Springfield Memorial Baptist Church has prospered,
23 attracting new members; adding new facilities such as classrooms, an educational building, an
24 auditorium, and a Family Life Center; and expanding its ministries and missionary services;
25 Now, therefore,

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

27 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the founders and leaders of the
28 Springfield Memorial Baptist Church for their contributions to the rich cultural heritage of
29 North Carolina.

30 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives expresses its appreciation to the
31 members of Springfield Memorial Baptist Church for their continuous service to the church and
32 contributions to the religious heritage of the State of North Carolina.

33 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
34 to the Pastor of Springfield Memorial Baptist Church.

35 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

