

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 934

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Paul A. Bunger and Spring Creek Baptist Church upon the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to the dedicated members of those exemplary religious organizations who, through their hard work and dedication, have stood the test of time to serve as meritorious examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Spring Creek Baptist Church in Clarksville most assuredly represents one such extraordinary group of people that is deserving of special praise and commendation, as the church celebrates its 200th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the celebration will be a time of reflecting on the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, Spring Creek Baptist Church has weathered life's storms for two centuries to pursue the higher calling of God in Christ Jesus; and

WHEREAS, originally organized in 1793 as a branch of the Red River Baptist Church, Spring Creek Baptist Church was formally constituted on January 2, 1808, under the leadership of Pastor Reuben Ross; it has since been led by thirty-one other pastors committed to serving the church's congregation, including its present Senior Pastor, Reverend Paul A. Bunger; and

WHEREAS, throughout its two centuries of existence, the church has maintained the admirable priorities of evangelism and mission work; Spring Creek Baptist Church actively supports the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong Missions Offerings, World Changers, Awana, and many other outreach ministries; and

WHEREAS, currently, the church is striving to meet new demands from the community as it transitions from a rural church to a growing, suburban church; Spring Creek Baptist Church will open its new Family Life Center in April in order to better accommodate the increasingly populous community's needs; and

WHEREAS, a shining example to all churches, Spring Creek Baptist Church has been integral in the establishment of at least six other churches, including First Baptist Clarksville and First Baptist St. Bethlehem; and

WHEREAS, the past has been good to Spring Creek Baptist Church, and the future promises continued blessings for the good people who comprise the church's congregation; and

WHEREAS, religious organizations such as Spring Creek Baptist Church in Clarksville are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times, and the members of this fine congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Reverend Paul A. Bunger and the members of Spring Creek Baptist Church upon the occasion of its 200th anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.