

House Resolution 1942

By: Representative Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Zion Hill 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 Zion Hill Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition
4 and history; and

5 WHEREAS, organized in 1876 by Will Colton, Sam McGhee, Jim Spear, and Reverend
6 Henry Mullins, Zion Hill Baptist Church has grown under the divine direction of numerous
7 pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

8 WHEREAS, over the years, Zion Hill Baptist Church has worshiped in four different
9 churches, the third being built in 1966 under the leadership of Reverend H. G. Reeves who
10 served from 1958 to 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
12 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
13 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1976, during renovation, the ten-year-old church burned to the ground,
15 testing the faith of the resilient congregation; however, neighboring churches opened their
16 doors with love and kindness; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend E. L. Jimerson and the members of Zion Hill Baptist Church have a
18 sincere desire to serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel
19 of Jesus Christ; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Zion Hill Baptist Church, commend
25 its 138 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best
26 wishes for its continued growth and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Zion Hill Baptist Church.