

By Representative Dennis

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending Chief Apostle Bishop
3 Moses Baker for his many years of service as
4 the Presiding Prelate of the Holy Churches of
5 the Living God, Inc.

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7 WHEREAS, this year marks the 80th anniversary of the
8 founding of the Holy Churches of the Living God, Inc., which
9 maintains its current headquarters in Jacksonville, Florida,
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11 WHEREAS, the Holy Churches of the Living God, Inc., is
12 one of the first Sabbath-keeping churches in the United
13 States, and

14 WHEREAS, Bishop Moses Baker joined his wife, who later
15 became the First Lady-Elect, Lucille Dobson Baker, as a member
16 of the Holy Church of The Living God, Inc., in Jacksonville
17 during the early 1940's under the then-Pastor Mother Daisy
18 Larkins and served faithfully under the leadership of Mother
19 Larkins and was later ordained an Elder in the church, and

20 WHEREAS, Bishop Moses Baker was appointed Pastor in
21 1945, and

22 WHEREAS, the church had several locations; namely,
23 Blanch & Union Streets, 27th & Stuart Street, 1575 W. 6th
24 Street, before settling into its existing location at 1598
25 West 14th Street in Jacksonville, and the first service was
26 held in the new church April 25, 1949, and the church was
27 later to become the National Headquarters of the Holy Churches
28 of The Living God, Inc., and

29 WHEREAS, Bishop Baker was ordained to the Bishopric
30 August 28, 1949, during the Annual Holy Convocation held in
31 New York City by Chief Apostle and Presiding Prelate Bishop

1 Alaska Augusta Smith, and upon the death of Bishop Smith
2 following the Annual Holy Convocation of 1949, Bishop Moses
3 Baker was appointed by the board as his successor at the next
4 Annual Holy Convocation held August 20-27, 1950, in
5 Jacksonville, Florida, and

6 WHEREAS, as Presiding Prelate of the Holy Churches of
7 the Living God, Inc., Chief Apostle Bishop Moses Baker has
8 guided the church through many changes in over four decades of
9 spiritual service, and

10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
11 of Representatives of the State of Florida commend Chief
12 Apostle Bishop Moses Baker for his many years of service as
13 the Presiding Prelate of the Holy Churches of the Living God,
14 Inc., NOW, THEREFORE,

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16 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
17 Florida:

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19 That the House of Representatives of the State of
20 Florida hereby commends Chief Apostle Bishop Moses Baker for
21 his many years of service as the Presiding Prelate of the Holy
22 Churches of the Living God, Inc., and wishes him continued
23 health and good fortune in all his future endeavors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
25 be presented to Chief Apostle Bishop Moses Baker as a tangible
26 token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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