



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 431

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Metro Baptist Church of Goodlettsville on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Metro Baptist Church of Goodlettsville comprise one such congregation, and they are celebrating the church's thirty-five years of service to the Lord and the community this year; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the Metro Baptist Church of Goodlettsville has been providing for the religious, educational, and social needs of the community; the members of the church have quietly, methodically, and without fanfare ministered to their friends, neighbors, and others around the world; and

WHEREAS, the church was founded on July 4, 1976, with Reverend Randall G. Ray serving as the founding Pastor; and

WHEREAS, on the church's first Sunday, the congregation met at the First Federal Savings and Loan on Gallatin Road in East Nashville and, from that location, the church moved to the Taylor Stratton School for four weeks before arranging for a permanent meeting place at 730 Neely's Bend Road, purchasing the property where the school is located soon after; and

WHEREAS, in February 1980, the church completed its first building on the Neely's Bend property, which was a 5,400-square-foot brick structure; and

WHEREAS, in March 1992, Reverend Phil Martin became the Pastor of Metro Baptist Church, the position in which he has served with acumen and alacrity for nearly twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Martin is a native of Illinois and was raised in Southern California; he is perhaps most proud of the love and support he shares with his wife, Beverly, and their three daughters; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 1996, the church's facilities grew to over 49,000 square feet and, in January 1998, the church purchased twenty-five acres of property along Long Hollow Pike and I-65 in Goodlettsville, the property which has housed the church's current facility since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the congregation's first Sunday service at the new property was held on Easter Sunday in March 2002, and, one month later, the new church was dedicated; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the church was hit by an F3 tornado; the church staff and preschool were inside the building at the time and, fortunately, there were no injuries, but the entire sanctuary was destroyed in the storm; and

WHEREAS, after the storm struck the church, the congregants moved back to the school facility in Madison that they had left only four years before, and they worshipped at that location for eighteen months while the damage to the other building was repaired; and

WHEREAS, during the reconstruction of the building, the church rebuilt the sanctuary and added four classrooms, a choir suite, and enlarged the lobby; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Baptist Church is an independent church that strives to meet the goals of evangelism, discipleship, and the edification of believers; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-five years, the Metro Baptist Church of Goodlettsville has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Goodlettsville; now, therefore,

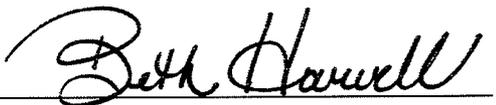
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Metro Baptist Church of Goodlettsville on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary and offer our sincerest wishes for every continued success as an uplifting beacon of the Lord's good will.

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

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR