

House Resolution No. 3980

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the 123rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., which will be held September 8-12, 2003, in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, approximately 40,000 delegates will participate in the 123rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, during which time they will exchange ideas, philosophies, and experiences in Christianity, as they believe the church has always played an integral role in the development of communities and cities both near and far; and

Whereas, Dr. William J. Shaw, President of the National Baptist Convention, currently serves as pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and continues to highlight the church's fundamental mission of preaching, teaching, and healing; and

Whereas, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., is committed by God's grace, and is noted for its Vision, Integrity, Structure, and Accountability (VISA); and

Whereas, the members of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., are committed to the theme "Jesus Christ Only, Always!", which has enabled for them to receive countless blessings from God that include retiring the debt on the Baptist World Center, adopting a Convention retirement program for pastors and church staff members, and building new ministries for evangelism and church growth; and

Whereas, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., has gained the respect of individuals both inside and outside the religious community, and has continually worked to develop an ecumenical approach to some Kingdom endeavors by partnering with other denominations; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to Dr. John Modesto Miles, Chairman of the Local Entertainment Committee of Missouri and Kansas, as he welcomes President Dr. William Shaw and 40,000 delegates to Kansas City for the 123rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during the 123rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Offered by _____
Representative Melba J. Curls
District No. 41

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3980, adopted September 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker