

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State institutions which are admirably meeting the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, South Canaan General Baptist Church was organized in 1889 by the Reverends Goldsmith and Bray with such esteemed charter members as “Granny” Scales, Uncle Pete Shaffer, Monroe Barnes, Loid Wright, and Will Sanford and Deacons Loid Wright, H.C. Hicks, H.R. Pike, Monroe Barnes, and Uncle Pete Shaffer; and

Whereas, one hundred fifteen years later, South Canaan General Baptist Church celebrated its founding through a series of joyful gatherings on August 21 and August 22, 2004; and

Whereas, on August 22, 2004, the members of South Canaan General Baptist Church also dedicated a five-acre parcel of land on which they plan to build a new church facility; and

Whereas, after holding services on the first Saturday night and Sunday of each month in its earliest history, South Canaan General Baptist Church began half-time services in 1947 under the pastorate of Buster Morris and full-time services in 1961 under the leadership of Willie Schanda; and

Whereas, South Canaan General Baptist Church rebuilt its original log building in 1947, installed a baptistery in 1975, and remodeled the educational building in 1989; and

Whereas, on July 28, 1971, a committee composed of the Reverend Craig Shull, Van Wright, and Earl Wright were appointed to draw up a Church Constitution and Bylaws, after whose adoption South Canaan General Baptist Church became an incorporated body; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize the accomplishments and potential of such stellar spiritual organizations as South Canaan General Baptist Church of Gibson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments associated down through the years with South Canaan General Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as they look to a bright and promising future filled with continuing success; 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 in honor of South Canaan General Baptist Church of Gibson, Missouri, and its illustrious pastor, Josh Carpenter.

Offered by _____
 Representative Otto Bean, Jr.
 District No. 163

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker