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House of Representatives

COMMEMORATING THE 96TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH

HON. CORRINE BROWN
OF FLORIDA

Madame Speaker, I rise today to commemorate The 96th National Convention of The Church of God By Faith. The Church Of God By Faith was founded in 1914 for the expressed purpose of glorifying God in the beauty of "Holiness". The Founders: Crawford Bright with Elders John Bright, Aaron Matthews, Sr. and Nathaniel Scippio had a desire to seek the quality of life and character which is set before Christians as an ideal guide and moral obligation. This bonding or coming together and consequent formation of the Church of God By Faith was to serve as a basis whereby believers could be encouraged, educated in the Word of God, strengthened, sustained, spiritually grow, and be united in an environment where the Spirit of Christ is truly active. The Church was materialized from the perceptual thought of foresighted, spiritually led and blessed individuals.

This enlightened tradition and founding principle is emboldened by its current spiritual leader, Bishop James E. McKnight, Sr., a man of great vision and purpose, whose leadership has spanned generations well into the present millennium and well poised for the future. We are indeed indebted to Bishop McKnight, all the Presiding Elders, Pastors, Officers and Members who, by faith and by practice, adhere to the founders dreams and goals by maintaining the vibrancy and relevance of the Church of God By Faith for all its parishioners and the communities they serve.

Congratulations on the observance of this Ninety-Sixth National Convention on December 16-19, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia.