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### **HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHNNY TILLER FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST**

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**HON. HEATH SHULER**  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, October 22, 2009*

**Mr. SHULER.** Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller, who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on September 10, 2009. Reverend Tiller has dedicated his life to this work, and has pledged that he will continue to do so until God calls him home to heaven.

Reverend Tiller has spent his life preaching and ministering to the needs of those in western North Carolina. At the young age of 12, Reverend Tiller preached in his first sermon at a cottage prater meeting. In November of 1955, at only 18 years of age, Reverend Tiller became the first full-time pastor of Starnes Cove Baptist Church, in Asheville, North Carolina.

In November of 1993, after serving as a full-time pastor of four different churches over 49 years, Reverend Tiller retired from full-time ministry. Since retirement, he has served as interim pastor for six different churches and currently serves at Sunrise Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. He also has taught New Testament courses at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute for the past 16 years. Reverend Tiller has preached on many radio stations, and has held numerous revivals and Bible study courses across the United States and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller has done an exemplary service for the people of western North Carolina and throughout the world during his 70 years of ministry. His dedication and honorable commitment to serving God is truly a source of pride to western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Reverend Tiller for his contributions in spreading God's word.

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