

House Resolution 1156

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Hugley of the 136th, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 64th, Nguyen of the 89th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Thomas Walker on the occasion of his 50th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Walker has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Walker has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His
7 messenger to do His will; and

8 WHEREAS, ordained in 1967, he has pastored at numerous churches, including the Mt. Zion
9 Missionary Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, a place he has called home for nearly 35
10 years, and has also worked with the Walker Baptist Association; and

11 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
12 and the Walker Baptist Association grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like
13 the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years of pastoral service in churches and with the Walker
15 Baptist Association, Reverend Thomas Walker has established numerous programs and
16 workshops which have improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the
17 surrounding community; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Walker has amassed three theological degrees and two
19 Masters of Divinity; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Walker's recognitions include moderator of the Central
21 Baptist Association, president of the Augusta Ministers' Evening Conference, and vice
22 moderator and treasurer of the Walker Baptist Association; and

23 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
24 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
25 humanitarian, Reverend Thomas Walker has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment
26 truly reflective of divine guidance; and

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Thomas Walker is a
28 source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
30 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
31 on behalf of persons in need.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Thomas Walker on the
34 wonderful occasion of his 50th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more
35 years of successful fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Reverend Thomas Walker.