

## House Resolution 1188

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 101<sup>st</sup>, Holcomb of the 81<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Kimberly S. Jackson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson has demonstrated her commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
3 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
4 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2010, Kim was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church, making her the  
6 first out queer person of color ever ordained in the 100 year history of the Episcopal Diocese  
7 of Atlanta, and she served as the Episcopal chaplain to students, staff, and faculty at  
8 Morehouse, Spelman, Clark Atlanta, and Morris Brown Colleges until 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Kim has spent a lifetime answering God's call, volunteering and leading  
10 innumerable efforts to promote the causes of environmental sustainability, social justice, and  
11 nonviolent peace building by serving as board chair of the Georgians for Alternatives to the  
12 Death Penalty Coalition; acting as a mentor and assistant director of the Youth Theological  
13 Initiative Academy at Emory University; volunteering professional services to Everybody  
14 Wins, a Georgia nonprofit that provides reading mentors to at-risk children in public schools;  
15 directing a Freedom School for 100 Atlanta children; leading a Civil Rights tour; and by  
16 providing ecumenical spiritual direction to gap-year service learning interns; and

17 WHEREAS, as a fellow with the Georgia Women's Policy Institute, Kim and her cohort  
18 worked closely with Representative Scott Holcomb to successfully pass HB 827, the  
19 "Pursing Justice for Rape Victims Act"; and

20 WHEREAS, Kim is a nationally sought after preacher and speaker for religious and  
21 academic institutions and, in August 2015, she was featured on the front page of *The New*  
22 *York Times* web edition for her pastoral presence in Ferguson, Missouri, where, alongside  
23 other chaplains, Kim worked to de-escalate rising tensions between police and protestors in  
24 Ferguson; and

25 WHEREAS, Kim currently serves as the associate rector for Social Action and Adult  
26 Formation at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, where she provides pastoral leadership  
27 for Refugee Ministries and Threads, a ministry that provides free clothing to children in  
28 need; and she teaches a class for Emory University, based in Clarkston, Georgia, about  
29 interreligious and intercultural relations; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments  
31 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious Georgian.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Kimberly S. Jackson for her  
34 tireless efforts on behalf of the disenfranchised, disenchanting, and dispossessed and extend  
35 best wishes for many more 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 Kimberly S. Jackson.