

House Resolution 1264

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Charles E. Beasley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Charles E. Beasley was born on October 15, 1953, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the  
3 third child of Robert and Ardena Beasley's eight children; and
- 4 WHEREAS, when he was still a baby, the family could see that Charles had music in his  
5 soul; he started singing at the age of eight and playing the piano at age 13, when he became  
6 the musician for a youth choir and performed on a local radio station, 105 WTLC, each  
7 Saturday with the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church Operation Breadbasket Choir and  
8 others; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Charles taught his younger sister Beverly her first solo, and she often  
10 accompanied him to various churches, schools, and neighborhood functions where they  
11 performed; they even sang for Mrs. Rosalyn Carter and her daughter Amy; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Charles performed with numerous gospel singers in various areas of the  
13 country, working with, among others, the renowned Robert Turner and the Silver Hearts  
14 Singers, the famous Barrett Sisters, gospel legend Sis. Inez Andrews, and gospel great  
15 Albertina Walker; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he served as minister of music at the Martindale Church of Christ in  
17 Indianapolis and as a musician for the Universal Church of Truth, the First Christian  
18 Missionary Baptist Church, Hillside Christian Church, the Cathedral of Faith Christian Life  
19 Center, and with the St. Rita Roman Catholic Church Choir, where he had the opportunity  
20 to travel as a musician to the Virgin Islands and Antigua and toured that entire area, singing  
21 and praising God for his goodness and mercy; and
- 22 WHEREAS, he was also a member of several organizations: When Singers Meet, Christian  
23 Minister's Alliance, Inc., and The Christian Fellowship Community Church, in Atlanta,

24 Georgia; and he was a member both locally and nationally, of the Gospel Music Workshop  
25 of America, founded by the late king of gospel music, Reverend James Cleveland, and the  
26 Richard James Teague Memorial Foundation, founded by Dr. Sharon Beasley-Teague in  
27 Atlanta, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, although Charles had many, many musical accolades, his greatest achievements  
29 were accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior and being the father of two beautiful daughters,  
30 Shara and Evelyn, who sing like angels. Charles loved to get together on different occasions  
31 with family to sing and fellowship. Anyone in their presence was promised to have a  
32 HALLELUJAH good time! Charles arranged and recorded an album entitled "This Is my  
33 Prayer," and had his own personal performing group for various concerts; and

34 WHEREAS, Charles was also an artist, and he loved to paint portraits, landscapes, and other  
35 designs. He was considered a "Gourmet Soul Food Chef" for his unique way of preparing  
36 pig's feet, collard greens, shoulder and neck bones, and other soul food delicacies, and his  
37 chitlins are known nationwide; and

38 WHEREAS, sadly, Charles left us for a better world on August 12, 2017, leaving a void that  
39 will never be filled.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
41 the members of this body celebrate the unique life of Charles E. Beasley and convey heartfelt  
42 condolences to his grieving family and friends.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
44 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
45 family of Charles E. Beasley.