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House Resolution 1289

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 134th, Smyre of the 135th, and Smith of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Tommie Lee Benjamin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Tommie Lee Benjamin has the great distinction of being honored as
- 3 a recipient of the Pastors Ecumenical Award, which is a testament to the spiritual and
- 4 educational guidance he provides to the members of his congregation and community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Benjamin has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
- 6 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
- 7 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Reverend Benjamin has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His
- 9 messenger to do His will; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Reverend Benjamin currently serves as pastor of the historic Trinity Christian
- 11 Methodist Episcopal Church in the Augusta-Sparta District; and his vision and direction have
- 12 helped the church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of
- 13 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader; and
- 14 WHEREAS, over the many years he has spent as a church leader, Reverend Benjamin has
- 15 established numerous outreach programs, which have improved the spiritual and educational
- 16 growth of the church and surrounding community; and
- 17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
- 18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
- 19 humanitarian, Reverend Tommie Lee Benjamin serves as a shining example of God's
- 20 righteous path; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Benjamin is a source
- 22 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message

- 24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
- on behalf of persons in need.
- $26 \quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$
- 27 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Tommie Lee Benjamin on the
- 28 wonderful occasion of his being recognized with the Pastors Ecumenical Award and extend
- 29 best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
- 32 Reverend Tommie Lee Benjamin.