

House Resolution 1323

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th and Bennett of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Veronica Lewis; and for other purposes.

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

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Lewis, the second daughter of the late Willie and Louise Lewis, is
6 a native of Columbus; and

7 WHEREAS, she graduated from Baker High School in Columbus and furthered her studies
8 at Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama, and at Heritage
9 University in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she pursued a degree in Christian education;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, while attending college, Reverend Veronica Lewis was called by the Lord to
12 preach the Gospel and begin a lifelong commitment of service to others; and

13 WHEREAS, her vision and direction have helped Saint Phillip African Methodist Episcopal
14 (AME) Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of
15 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

16 WHEREAS, since becoming the first female pastor assigned to Saint Phillip AME Church,
17 Reverend Lewis has established numerous outreach programs, including a food bank, and
18 other community services, which have enhanced the spiritual and educational growth of the
19 church; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Lewis has also served as a pastor at Wesley Chapel AME Church in
21 Iron City, Georgia; Saint Peter AME Church in Leary, Georgia; and Bethel AME Church in
22 Shellman, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Veronica Lewis is a
24 source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

25 WHEREAS, her commitment to serve others carries over into her secular role as a social
26 service technician, a profession in which she has received three Employee of the Year
27 awards; and

28 WHEREAS, in February 2017, Reverend Lewis received a Proclamation from the City of
29 Columbus for outstanding service to the community; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Veronica Lewis for her many
35 contributions to the citizens of Georgia and extend best wishes for many more years of
36 successful fellowship and leadership.

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