

House Resolution 1349

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Schofield of the 60th, McClain of the 100th, Howard of the 124th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Most Worshipful Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge Free
2 Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin National Compact, Jurisdiction of
3 Georgia, and its affiliate, Smooth Ashlar Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge Free Accepted Ancient
6 Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin National Compact, Jurisdiction of Georgia, and its
7 affiliate, Smooth Ashlar Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, were founded on September
8 27, 1865; are one of the oldest formally organized African American charitable organizations
9 in Georgia; and will be celebrating their 155th Grand Lodge Session this year in Atlanta; and

10 WHEREAS, the Master Masons and Order of Eastern Star are a Masonic fraternity of men
11 and women dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness; teach lessons of fidelity, loyalty,
12 and faith; spread the cement of brotherly and sisterly love throughout the material realm; and
13 work diligently toward gaining a greater understanding of God's Holy Bible; and

14 WHEREAS, a Master Builder is one who is qualified by intellect and training in skills and
15 ability to do constructive architectural work of symmetrical and perfect order in the highest
16 spiritual sense, the term applied to the great architecture of the universe; Masons are required
17 to prepare materials for the super structure of moral and spiritual characteristics to which
18 they labor and are devoted to endeavors which will pass the test of the Great Master Builder
19 of Heaven; and

20 WHEREAS, local Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge and Order of Eastern Star Chapters select
21 their own charities and places of service in their own communities; we are indeed honored
22 to have them provide invaluable service to the State of Georgia through their charitable work,
23 which includes support for "No Summer Hungry" through Hosea Feed the Hungry; support
24 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of West Georgia and the House of Mercy Shelter
25 in Columbus; provision of food and social assistance for Volunteers of America

26 Communities and the Alice House in Douglasville; provision of volunteers for the annual
27 Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner; collection and
28 donation of coats and clothing for the American Kidney Fund; support for several
29 convalescent homes and rehabilitation facilities throughout the state; support for Breast
30 Cancer Awareness with Sisters By Choice; support for "Dial Soap Drive" for Family
31 Unification Network; provision of cash donations, food, and supplies assistance for the
32 hurricane disaster in Nassau, Bahamas, with the National Order of Black Law Enforcement;
33 provision of home cooked full-course meals at the Battered Women's Homeless Women
34 Shelter in Atlanta; support for the Atlanta Walk with Autism Speak Walk; sponsorship of the
35 annual Marines Toys-for-Tots program; provision of graduation scholarships to students
36 throughout the state; support for SLAM Academy of Atlanta; sustained support for widows;
37 and support for countless youth programs, mentorship programs, senior citizen programs, and
38 other civic projects throughout the State of Georgia; and

39 WHEREAS, the Honorable Lester Clark, 33rd Degree Grand Master, provides capable and
40 honorable leadership, wisdom, and inspiration to all the brothers of the Most Worshipful
41 Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge Free Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin
42 National Compact, Jurisdiction of Georgia; and

43 WHEREAS, the Honorable Lacita Husband-Perez, Grand Worthy Matron, provides capable
44 and honorable leadership, wisdom, and inspiration to all the sisters of the Smooth Ashlar
45 Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of the State of Georgia.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
47 the members of this body recognize and commend the Honorable Lester Clark, 33rd Degree
48 Grand Master, the Honorable Lacita Husband-Perez, Grand Worthy Matron, and the state
49 officers and members of the Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge for their numerous outstanding
50 contributions to our community, to the State of Georgia, and to the United States of America.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
52 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
53 Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge Free Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin
54 National Compact, Jurisdiction of Georgia, and its affiliate, Smooth Ashlar Grand Chapter
55 Order of Eastern Star.