

House Resolution 1619

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st, Thomas of the 39th, Allen of the 40th, and Williams of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Apostle Thomas H. Vinson for his faithful leadership
2 and commitment to Highpoint Christian Tabernacle of Smyrna, Georgia; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Apostle Thomas H. Vinson was born to Mace and Nina Vinson on
5 March 26, 1945. Apostle Vinson was baptized at age 15 under the ministry of Elder Alfred
6 Perry at the Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church in Middletown, Ohio. He continued to
7 attend the Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church until he was drafted into the United States
8 Army in 1965. His tour of duty brought him to Colorado, where he met his wife, Dr. Carolyn
9 Vinson, née Beechum. Apostle Vinson and Dr. Vinson are blessed with six daughters, three
10 sons-in-law, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

11 WHEREAS, Apostle Vinson received an associate's degree from Miami Jacobs College in
12 1977 and received his ministerial license in 1975. Apostle Vinson served for many years as
13 the Brotherhood President at the House of Joy Deliverance Church in Denver, Colorado. In
14 1985, Apostle Vinson, Dr. Vinson, and their family moved to Georgia, where Highpoint
15 Christian Tabernacle was established; and

16 WHEREAS, Apostle Vinson remains Senior Pastor of Highpoint Christian Tabernacle and
17 also oversees the Fellowship of Independent Churches that comprises four local church
18 ministries. He has also established a weekly Bible study in Cartersville, Georgia. In 2008,
19 Apostle Vinson received an Honorary Doctorate from Saint Thomas Christian College. He
20 has also been honored by the Gospel Heritage Foundation, as well as the Gospel Superfest
21 Organization, and received the Steeple Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Highpoint Christian Tabernacle is celebrating 35 years of devoted and driven
23 ministry. The church serves as a beacon of light to its members and to the community.
24 Leaders and members alike of Highpoint Christian Tabernacle aim for their church to be a
25 home for worshipers from all walks of life to listen to the Gospel; and

26 WHEREAS, Highpoint Christian Tabernacle is home to a strong and devoted fellowship and
27 has over 30 ministries. Highpoint Christian Tabernacle's ministries include, but are not
28 limited to, the Family Resource Center, providing career counseling and school supplies for
29 children; the Health Professionals Ministry, hosting health fairs and CPR classes; the
30 Marriage Ministry, offering enrichment sessions; the Children and Youth Ministry, providing
31 classes, field trips, and mentoring; the Outreach Ministry, hosting community block parties,
32 food and clothing pantries, and nursing home visitations; the Career Center, offering resume
33 writing instruction; the Music and Fine Arts Ministry; and a Bible College, providing classes;
34 and

35 WHEREAS, Highpoint Christian Tabernacle's enriching ministries, as well as its committed
36 pastor and first lady, serve as assets to the community of Smyrna.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Apostle Thomas H. Vinson for his
39 faithful leadership and commitment to Highpoint Christian Tabernacle and extend best
40 wishes for continued success.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
43 Apostle Thomas H. Vinson.