

House Resolution 1663

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Joseph E. Baker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Joseph E. Baker has demonstrated his 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 Baker has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger
6 to do His will, first by founding Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Florida
7 and serving there until his college graduation, then pastoring at Townsley Chapel AME
8 Church in Savannah, and currently pastoring at St. James AME Church in Columbus; and

9 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped St. James AME Church grow in size and
10 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
11 leader and place for fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker seeks to fulfill God's word for his life while blessing others,
13 as evidenced by his service on the Georgia Annual Conference Board of Trustees, as chair
14 of the Savannah District Finance Committee, and as dean of the Board of Examiners in the
15 Southwest Georgia Annual Conference; and

16 WHEREAS, over the course of his life, Reverend Baker has established numerous programs
17 and workshops which have improved the spiritual and educational growth of his churches
18 and surrounding communities; and

19 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
20 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
21 humanitarian, Reverend Baker serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

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

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
25 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious man.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Joseph E. Baker for his devoted
28 service to the Lord and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
29 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 Joseph E. Baker.