

House Resolution 1989

By: Representative Beverly of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop John Lester Cotton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Bishop John Lester Cotton on January 31, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop Cotton was Pastor of Greater
5 Overcoming Church for 46 years where he touched countless lives; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Geraldine R. Cotton, and was blessed
7 with nine remarkable children, Cavillie, Voncile, Shawanna, Shalandria, Pamela, Larry,
8 John, Ronnie, and Albert, and 31 wonderful grandchildren; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Bishop Cotton gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and
10 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
11 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
13 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
14 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bishop Cotton will long be remembered
16 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by
17 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop John Lester Cotton
20 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Bishop John
23 Lester Cotton.