

## House Resolution 326

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>, and Lim of the 98<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop James H. Morton; 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 James H. Morton; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton was born the fourth of nine children on May 8, 1946,  
5 in Windsor Ontario, Canada, to Bishop C. L. Morton Sr. and Evangelist Matilda E. Morton;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as minister of music during his upbringing and tenure in his father's  
8 ministry, which allowed him to develop his talents as an accomplished and renowned  
9 musician and singer from an early age; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his magnificent musical talents were best exemplified by his collaborations with  
11 other artists such as Aretha Franklin; Vanessa Bell-Armstrong; his brother, Bishop Paul S.  
12 Morton; the late Reverend James Cleveland; and many more; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop James H. Morton first answered the  
14 call to preach the Gospel in 1968, and two years later, he became pastor of the True Faith  
15 Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan; and

16 WHEREAS, after he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, he acted in accordance with God's plan  
17 and founded New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church with 1,400 congregants, which now  
18 offers over 50 ministries to meet the needs of the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton gave inspiration to many through his high ideals,  
20 morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and  
21 understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to  
23 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Bishop James H. Morton will long be remembered  
24 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
25 fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop James H. Morton  
28 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 family of Bishop James H. Morton.