

House Resolution 425

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Smith of the 133rd, Jackson of the 128th, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines; 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 Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines on February 24, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines was born on February 3, 1977, in Macon,
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Barbara and Curtis Raines Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army as the chaplain assistant for the Installation Garrison Command, the 3rd Infantry
8 Division, and the 4th Battalion 64th Armor Regiment of Fort Stewart, Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,
10 Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines served with distinction as the pastor of New Pilgrim
11 Missionary Baptist Church; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines actively served the community by creating
13 various outreach programs, hosting many charitable donation events, and offering many
14 senior and youth programs; and

15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated a commitment to
19 addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others, Reverend
20 Bryant Wardell Raines will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and
21 community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Bryant Wardell
24 Raines and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
27 family of Reverend Bryant Wardell Raines.