

## House Resolution 704

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., on the occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., has demonstrated his commitment to teaching  
4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Lockhart was called by the Lord 39 years ago to lead the congregation  
7 of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia, and has dedicated his  
8 time, talents, and energy to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 52 years; and

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

12 WHEREAS, over the past 39 years leading Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church,  
13 Pastor Lockhart has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved  
14 the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

15 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
16 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
17 humanitarian, Pastor Lockhart serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Lockhart is a source of  
19 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
21 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
22 on behalf of persons in need.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., on the  
25 grand occasion of his retirement and extend best wishes for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor  
28 Benjamin Lockhart, Jr.