

## House Resolution 787

By: Representatives Nguyen of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Evans of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Jerry Black; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church confirmed God's appointment of the  
3 Reverend Jerry D. Black as the 9th pastor of the church; he was officially installed as pastor  
4 of the church on Sunday, February 9, 1992, which establishes the 2nd Sunday of February  
5 as the official date to celebrate Pastor Black's anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, his anniversary is officially celebrated every five years to acknowledge his  
7 service as the church's visionary servant-leader; and

8 WHEREAS, the history of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church now reflects the work of  
9 Pastor Black that has led to the spiritual, numerical, and financial growth of the church,  
10 including the location and the expansion of the church campus address at 2340 Clifton  
11 Springs Road; this campus includes our church worship center and community life center;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Black has established a strong legacy within the church and the DeKalb  
14 community, and he continues to be a "Preacher's Preacher," a national icon in the Gospel  
15 Ministry; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Black has consistently visited the sick, served bereaved families,  
17 counseled members privately, and greeted members and visitors after each worship service;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Pastor Black's ministry is a true legacy of preaching, teaching, singing, and  
20 serving; his Saturday night television broadcast makes him a household name through the  
21 State of Georgia and his live streaming services have expanded his reach to every generation;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Pastor Black was married to the late Ms. Glenda J. Harris Black for 32 years  
24 until her heavenly transition in 2008 after a well-fought four year battle with cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, Pastor Black and Ms. Glenda J. Harris Black's union was blessed with four  
26 children, Tangia, Jai, Erica, and Terica; and

27 WHEREAS, Pastor Black, after much prayer, was blessed by God to begin a new chapter in  
28 his life on June 28, 2014, when he married the former Ms. Kate Wiley; together they serve  
29 as pastor and first lady of the Beulah Baptist Church and enjoy four children and six  
30 grandchildren.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Jerry Black for his dedication and  
33 service to his community and his parish, the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor  
36 Jerry Black.