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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Reverend Jeffrey A.
2 Johnson.

3 *Whereas, Reverend Jeffrey A. Johnson, known by his*
4 *congregation as Pastor Jay, has been selected as the Senior*
5 *Pastor of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in*
6 *Indianapolis, Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, Pastor Jay will be the fourth person to hold the*
8 *position of Senior Pastor, following in the footsteps of his*
9 *predecessors: Rev. Forrest Jefferson, Rev. Stacy R. Shields, and*
10 *Rev. LeRoy Wadlington;*

11 *Whereas, Pastor Jay received his bachelor's degree in mass*
12 *communications from Paine College in Augusta, Georgia,*
13 *before accepting his call to ministry;*

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1 *Whereas, He went on to receive a Master of Divinity in*
 2 *Hermeneutics from the Morehouse School of Religion at the*
 3 *Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia;*

4 *Whereas, Pastor Jay is currently pursuing a Doctor of*
 5 *Philosophy (PhD) in African American Preaching and Sacred*
 6 *Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary, and he is the*
 7 *author of "A Story to Tell: A 40 Day Focus on Your Walk With*
 8 *God";*

9 *Whereas, After graduating seminary, Pastor Jay worked*
 10 *diligently at Eastern Star Church as the Associate Pastor of*
 11 *Preaching and Teaching, serving under his father Pastor*
 12 *Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., and during his time at Eastern Star*
 13 *Church, he assisted in the development of a multi-site*
 14 *congregation through preaching and teaching, offered spiritual*
 15 *leadership to congregants, and conducted pre-marital*
 16 *counseling, community outreach, and program development to*
 17 *the young adult and online ministry;*

18 *Whereas, He has had the opportunity to preach and teach*
 19 *across the country by preaching at the National Baptist*
 20 *Convention, USA, serving as an adjunct professor at Martin*
 21 *University, and working as an advisory team member and*
 22 *workshop presenter for the IC3 Issachar Church Conference;*

23 *Whereas, Pastor Jay is a dynamic man of God who dreams*
 24 *of changing the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a*
 25 *husband to his wife, Janelle Rae, and a proud father of Dylan*
 26 *Kyle, Jeffrey Allen III, and Jeremiah August Raymond; and*

27 *Whereas, Pastor Jay is looking forward to partnering with*
 28 *the people of the historic Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church*
 29 *congregation to build on the legacy that was established by his*
 30 *powerful predecessors and continue to spread the Word of*
 31 *God: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
 33 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

34 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
 35 honors Reverend Jeffrey A. Johnson on his installation on



1 Sunday, March 26, 2023, as the fourth Senior Pastor of the
2 Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.
3 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
4 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
5 Representative Vanessa Summers for distribution.

