

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Woodrow Wilson Henderson, Jr.,  
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with devotion, strength, and revelation to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson Henderson, Jr., is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who has served for sixty years as a minister of music and is embarking on a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on March 9, 1940, in Eutaw, Alabama, to W. Wilson Henderson and Ruby Henderson, Wilson Henderson began his service to the Lord when he was baptized at the tender age of nine and later led the music at a church revival at Melton Baptist Church at sixteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is a 1958 graduate of Greene County High School; he attended Howard College, now known as Samford University, and received his master's degree in church music from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Henderson began serving as minister of music in several churches in the Birmingham, Alabama, area while still a student at Samford University; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Henderson married the love of his life, Karen Charline Dunn, in 1967; they are the proud parents of five children and the loving grandparents of eleven; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson has been inspiring people to come together in service to the Lord for sixty years, serving in only four churches, including Highland Park Baptist Church, which he continues to serve faithfully to this day; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Henderson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, as a humble servant of God, Wilson Henderson has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and his congregation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Woodrow Wilson Henderson, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.