

## House Resolution 1133

By: Representatives Seay of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Stanley of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Stanley of the 50<sup>th</sup> and Teague of the 58<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Antioch Baptist Church North; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, since 1877, the Antioch Baptist Church North has stood in the City of Atlanta  
4 as a beacon of hope and a place of refuge; and

5 WHEREAS, for five generations, the congregational family has reached out and nurtured  
6 thousands of persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost; and

7 WHEREAS, the congregation's 125th anniversary gives rise to a milestone occasion to  
8 celebrate its distinguished history and also to renew its commitment to a remarkable record  
9 of Christian service that has made Antioch one of God's best churches; and

10 WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings as a prayer group of eight former slaves, Antioch  
11 Baptist Church North has evolved into an Atlanta landmark known nationally as a flagship  
12 church in the struggle for human dignity; and

13 WHEREAS, during its long history, Antioch Baptist Church North has been blessed with  
14 great leaders and ministers who have dedicated themselves to an abiding vision of the  
15 church's preeminent role in the world; and

16 WHEREAS, the Reverend Cameron Alexander's 32 year tenure as pastor has been the  
17 longest in Antioch's history; and

18 WHEREAS, under his dynamic and innovative leadership, the congregation has grown from  
19 fewer than 500 persons to an ever-growing membership that currently exceeds 12,000; and

1 WHEREAS, as the church's membership has grown so has the many ways in which it is able  
2 to reach out to the community in providing spiritual guidance, comfort, and hope in  
3 fulfillment of its mission.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body congratulate the Antioch Baptist Church North on the occasion of  
6 its 125th anniversary and convey their appreciation to the Reverend Cameron Alexander and  
7 the entire congregation for their invaluable contributions and service to the community and  
8 the entire State of Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Cameron  
11 Alexander.