

House Resolution 1349

By: Representative Jackson of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Reverend Joseph C. Coats, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Joseph C. Coats, Sr., was a well-known and highly respected
3 Southern Baptist pastor in Miami, Florida, where he significantly influenced the lives of
4 countless families and individuals throughout his lifelong ministry; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was born on January 28, 1927, in Alamo, Georgia; married Catherine Coats
6 in 1949; and they shared the blessings of eight children and the joy of a grandson; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he earned his theology degree from South Bible Seminary, was ordained on
8 April 23, 1966, and became the pastor of Glendale Baptist Church on December 3, 1967; and
- 9 WHEREAS, under his valiant leadership, Glendale became the first African American
10 church to join the Southern Baptist Convention, and his commitment enabled others to
11 follow; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a very gifted spiritual leader for the congregation and the community
13 as a whole, and his uniqueness in witnessing and sharing the gospel is well remembered; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the accomplishments and contributions of this revered minister were notable,
15 and he was recognized and honored by the Florida House of Representatives, Stetson
16 University, the Mayor's Office in Dade County, and the Florida Baptist Convention; and he
17 served the Miami Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Baptist Hospital,
18 and others; and the memory of this most compassionate and compelling spiritual leader is
19 deeply cherished.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body express deep regret at the passing of Reverend Joseph C. Coats,
22 Sr., and convey their sincerest sympathy to the members of his beloved family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Coats family.