

House Resolution 1687

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54th, Mobley of the 69th and McClinton of the 68th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the Reverend William Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in 1964, the Reverend William Smith was called to and accepted the pastorate
3 of the Israel Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, for 38 years, he has faithfully worked to fulfill the duties and responsibilities
5 of that calling; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he has remained steadfast in his dedication to the needs of the members of the
7 Israel Missionary Baptist Church and has been thorough in his pursuit of the good of the
8 church; and
- 9 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Smith, the church's membership has increased
10 in great numbers, now exceeding 6,000 and there have been over 60 ministries established
11 and over 74 deacons and 40 ministers ordained; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the contributions of Pastor Smith have extended to embrace those in need who
13 are outside the church including members of the Kirkwood/Eastlake community and other
14 residents of the City of Atlanta; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his has been and continues to be a ministry of love and service that erodes
16 barriers and uplifts humankind on all levels.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body honor the Reverend William Smith on the occasion of the
19 celebration of the 38th anniversary as Pastor of Israel Missionary Baptist Church and
20 commend him for his many years of devoted service to the citizens of the State of Georgia.

- 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 Reverend William Smith.