

House Resolution 209

By: Representative Roberts of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest black denomination in the
3 country, was founded originally in 1787; and

4 WHEREAS, the seeds sown by the loving and humble efforts of those devout worshipers
5 have blossomed into a landmark institution with 15 districts in the United States and four
6 districts in other countries; and

7 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
8 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service; and

9 WHEREAS, during March 4-7, 2003, the 91st Session of the South Georgia Annual
10 Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will convene at Bethel African
11 Methodist Episcopal Church in Albany; and

12 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
13 of peace and love be recognized for its innumerable good works rendered on behalf of
14 persons in need.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body commend the African Methodist Episcopal Church for the many,
17 many decades of steadfast, unselfish, and loving service to the people of this state and nation
18 and extend to the congregations their best wishes for continued spiritual growth and service
19 to their communities.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Bethel African
22 Methodist Episcopal Church.