

House Resolution 1707

By: Representatives Greene-Johnson of the 60th, Post 3, Mitchell of the 61st, Post 3, Sailor of the 61st, Post 1, Williams of the 61st, Post 2, Watson of the 60th, Post 2, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Reverend Cynthia L. Hale and congratulating her on the 25th anniversary
2 of her ordination; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the Reverend Cynthia L. Hale is the founding and senior pastor of the Ray of
4 Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Ray of Hope Christian Church began as a four-member Bible study and has
6 since grown to serve over 7,500 parishioners in the last 17 years and has an active
7 membership of 3,500 worshipers; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, Reverend Hale received her Bachelor of Arts
9 from Hollins College, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and a Doctorate of
10 Ministry from United Theological Seminary; and
- 11 WHEREAS, prior to establishing Ray of Hope, she served as a chaplain for federal
12 correctional facilities in Colorado and North Carolina and was the first female chaplain to
13 serve in an all-male institution; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Reverend Hale has received many honors for her work having been inducted
15 into the African American Biographies Hall of Fame and Martin Luther King's Board of
16 Preachers, having received the Profiles of Prominence Award for 2000 from the National
17 Women of Achievement, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha's Outstanding Religious Leader
18 Award, and having been recognized by Georgia's Secretary of State as an Outstanding
19 Georgia Citizen and a three-time Georgia Goodwill Ambassador; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hale's ministry has touched the lives of many across this nation and she has
21 been a source of encouragement and strength to strangers, friends, followers, and fellow
22 pastors and ministers around the world.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend the Reverend Cynthia L. Hale on her many years of
3 service to her community and her church and its congregation and congratulate her on the
4 25th anniversary of her ordination.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Cynthia L.
7 Hale and the Ray of Hope Christian Church.