

House Resolution 1994

By: Representatives Howell of the 92nd and Yates of the 85th, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Reverend Walter C. James for his 34 years of active
2 service as a minister of the Christian gospel; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Walter C. James was born on October 29, 1929, to Marie and Cornelius James
4 in the Stinsonville community near Macon, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend James graduated from B. D. Etta College in Macon and attended
6 Carver-Bible College Interdenominational Theological Center and the Morehouse School of
7 Religion Extension Program where he met his friend and fellow minister, Dr. Cleopatrck
8 Lacy; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend James began singing with the Morning Star Gospel Star Radio and
10 Recording Group in Mount Vernon, New York, in 1950 and, upon returning to Georgia,
11 joined the Joe Pittmans Southern Travelers Echoes of Zion and the Majestic Male Choir
12 which originated at the First Corinth Missionary Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1970, Reverend James was ordained into the ministry of Jesus Christ at First
14 Corinth Missionary Baptist Church by the Reverend M. L. Raglin; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend James was called to serve his first congregation at China Grove
16 Baptist Church in Flovilla, Georgia, in 1971, and has pastored the congregations of Pleasant
17 View Baptist Church in Covington, Georgia, and the Zion Baptist Church in Jackson,
18 Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend James was called to be the shepherd to his flock at the Eighth Street
20 Baptist Church in Griffin in 1983, during which time he helped establish the Sanctuary
21 Choir, the W. C. James Voices of Faith, and a weekly radio ministry; he added an early
22 morning service, purchased a church van, renovated the church fellowship hall and
23 sanctuary, and paved the parking lot; and

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1 WHEREAS, Reverend James announced his retirement plans in March, 2004, so that he can
2 spend more time with his loving wife, Marie James, his three precious children, and many
3 other family members.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize the Reverend Walter C. James and commend his
6 devotion and years of selfless service to his faith, his church, his congregation, and his
7 community.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Walter C.
10 James.