

House Resolution 506

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Heard of the 114th, Mangham of the 94th, and Bordeaux of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Deacon Floyd Edwin Charles Morris on his lifetime of outstanding community
2 service and personal achievement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Deacon Morris grew up in Magnolia, Arkansas, where he attended public
4 schools; and

5 WHEREAS, while at Columbia County High School, he played football and basketball
6 and ran track; he was captain of the football team for three years and he was valedictorian
7 of his graduating class; and

8 WHEREAS, he attended Arkansas AM&N College on a football scholarship (1952 -1956)
9 and graduated with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education and was co-captain of the
10 football team in his senior year; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Student Christian Association each of his four years
12 in college and was listed in *Who's Who among Students of American Colleges and*
13 *Universities* during his senior year; and he graduated in the top one-fourth of his class; and

14 WHEREAS, he served in the armed services for two years and nine months and was a
15 player-coach and co-captain of the Fort Stewart Rockets football team in 1957 when he
16 was voted by his teammates to be most valuable player; and

17 WHEREAS, he received his Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education from
18 Indiana University in 1966; a certificate for Community School Directors from the Mott
19 Institute, Flint Michigan, in 1971; and his five-year certificate in Administration and
20 Supervision from Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia, in 1972; and

1 WHEREAS, Deacon Morris was a teacher of health and physical education at Johnson
2 High School, Savannah, Georgia, for nine years (1959-1968) and also served as line coach
3 and chief assistant football coach, varsity track coach, and jr. varsity basketball coach; and

4 WHEREAS, during this same period of time, was a member of the GIA Savannah
5 Coaches and Officials Association and he served as the organization's treasurer and
6 assistant rules interpreter and officiated football and basketball games at the local and state
7 levels; and

8 WHEREAS, he was head football coach and athletic director for five years at Richard
9 Arnold High School, Savannah, Georgia (1968-1972); and he served as an assistant coach
10 in 1970 on the All Star coaching staff headed by Savannah High's Arvel Holmes; he was
11 named the *Atlanta Constitution's* Coach of the Week following Richard Arnold's 7-6
12 defeat of the Savannah High School football team in 1972; and

13 WHEREAS, over the years, he has been a popular banquet speaker and master of
14 ceremonies and continues to serve as a lay speaker for churches and other religious
15 organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a Director of Community Education for three and one-half years
17 (1970-1973); his responsibilities included coordinating the Adult Basic Education
18 Program for the school system and directing the Richard Arnold Community High School;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, he was Principal of Richard Arnold High School from July, 1973, through
21 December 31, 1974; and

22 WHEREAS, Deacon Morris was appointed on January 1, 1975, to the position of
23 Assistant Superintendent of Support Services for the Savannah-Chatham County Board of
24 Public Education, Savannah, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, he served as a sales representative for the North Carolina Mutual Life
26 Insurance Company from November, 1987, to May, 1989; and

27 WHEREAS, he was employed with the Leisure Services Bureau of the City of Savannah,
28 Georgia, as Coordinator of the Summer Lunch Program and the After-School Program
29 from May, 1989, to December, 2000; and

1 WHEREAS, he is a member of the historic Second African Baptist Church and served as
2 Chairman of its Board of Deacons from 1961 until 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, Deacon Morris taught adult class in the Sunday School department for a
4 number of years and served in the role of superintendent of the Sunday School from 1994
5 until 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a life member, and formerly served as Polemarch (President), of the
7 Savannah Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and is a past president and
8 member of the Savannah Chapter - Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Georgia State Advisory Board for Adult Basic and
11 Secondary education for eight years and is a charter member of the Savannah Chapter of
12 Phi Delta Kappa, a professional fraternity for persons in education; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Planning Division Steering Board of the United
14 Way of Savannah and Chatham County (1975-1977) and also served as a member of the
15 Budget Division (1979-1980); and

16 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Board of Trustees and has served on the honors court
17 of the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame and was a member of the Board of
18 Directors of the Frank Callen Boys' Club for several years; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a past chairman of the Board of Directors, Safe Kids of Savannah and
20 served on the Community Advisory Council for Union Camp; and

21 WHEREAS, Deacon Morris is married to the former Agatha Curley of Savannah, and they
22 have one son, Edwin Charles; and

23 WHEREAS, he cherishes the lasting friendships he has formed with the young men and
24 women and the faculties and staffs at the schools and the agencies where he has served
25 and worked over the years, as well as the friendships of those against whom he has
26 competed, and he is grateful that he has often had the privilege of exchanging ideas and
27 recommending services that would benefit the young men and women of his community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 that the members of this body commend Deacon Floyd Edwin Charles Morris on his
3 lifetime of outstanding community service and personal achievement and extend to him
4 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
6 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deacon Floyd Edwin Charles Morris.