

House Resolution 587

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Bryant of the 160th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Reverend Jesse Allen Blackshear; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Jesse Allen Blackshear is a native of Savannah, Georgia, and was
3 licensed as a minister in March, 1964; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was the first Black elected to public office from the east side of Savannah,
5 serving with dedication as State Representative for three terms, beginning in 1970; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he has inspired congregations in churches in Savannah, Georgia; Altoona,
7 Pennsylvania; and Johnson City, Tennessee; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he currently serves as Associate Minister of the historic First Bryan Baptist
9 Church and Dean of the Bryan Theological Seminary; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he has provided vision and valuable leadership in his roles as President of the
11 Savannah Baptist Ministers' Union, member of the Advisory Board for Project Azuka, and
12 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Resurrection House Project; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Carolyn S. Blackshear, have been blessed with two daughters
14 and four grandchildren.
- 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body honor Reverend Jesse Allen Blackshear for his dynamic leadership,
17 faithful service, and many valuable contributions to his community.
- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Jesse Allen
20 Blackshear.