

House Resolution 2076

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61st, Dean of the 59th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Thomas of the 55th, Ashe of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough, Senior Pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church
2 in Atlanta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough was born in the Summerhill neighborhood
4 of southwest Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Morris Brown College and the Gammon Seminary of the
6 Interdenominational Theological Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough has served as a friend and pastor for 40 years for
8 congregations in Chicago and Atlanta where he has helped to lead churches through racial
9 transitions; and

10 WHEREAS, under Dr. Kimbrough's leadership, Cascade United Methodist Church has
11 grown to approximately 7,000 members and has become a light in the metro Atlanta
12 community; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been active on numerous boards in the United Methodist Church and the
14 community, including the United Methodist Publishing Board, the Board of Ordained
15 Ministry (North Georgia Conference), and Houston-Tillotson Board of Trustees; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough has been awarded numerous awards and honorary
17 degrees from many organizations, including the Chairman's Award from the Convocation
18 for Pastors of African-American Churches, the Philips Award from the National Association
19 of United Methodist Evangelists, the Bridge Building Award from Atlanta Technical
20 College, the Derman Award for Excellence in Evangelism, the John Wesley Clergy Award,
21 and three honorary doctorate degrees; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough is the author of the book *Nothing is Impossible* and is a
2 contributor to the volumes *365 Meditations for Men* and *365 Meditations for Families*; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Kimbrough is retiring on June 30, 2006.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 members of this body commend the Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough for his outstanding
6 leadership, evangelism, pastorates, and lifetime of contributions to the ministry of the United
7 Methodist Church and bringing thousands of souls to Christ.

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 Reverend Dr. Walter L.
10 Kimbrough.