

House Resolution 2139

By: Representative Stanley-Turner of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Pastor Rodney K. Turner on the occasion of his third anniversary as pastor of Mt.
2 Vernon Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, is very blessed to be led by one
4 of Georgia's finest clergymen, Pastor Rodney K. Turner, whose compassion, generosity, and
5 unwavering devotion to the Lord have touched the lives of countless individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, an Atlanta native, Pastor Turner attended Morehouse College, where he was a
7 member and president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and studied at Carver and Beulah
8 Heights Bible Colleges; and

9 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner has been preaching for more than 16 years, and prior to joining
10 Mount Vernon, he served as pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Roanoke,
11 Alabama, for nine years; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner has been devoted to helping others transform their lives with a
13 personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and he is especially concerned with helping persons
14 struggling with substance abuse problems, serving for 17 years on the staff of Antioch
15 Baptist Church North as the substance abuse, AIDS, prison ministry, and outreach
16 coordinator and as the director of Ananias House, a recovery residence for men, and Ruth's
17 Place, a recovery residence for women; and

18 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner is the founder of Recovery Through Christ, now called Product
19 of the Power, a Christian recovery ministry that seeks to address the needs of those battling
20 substance addictions through his biblically based seven-step model, a model that has served
21 as the inspiration for similar ministries across the country; and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner is the senior counselor for Project Redirection, a program
23 designed to provide alternatives to incarceration for Fulton County nonviolent offenders, and

1 has worked with juvenile offenders in DeKalb County and as a chaplain for the Fulton
2 County Jail System; and

3 WHEREAS, he has also served on the Governor's AIDS task force, the Southern Christian
4 Leadership Conference Wings of Hope Anti-Drug Task Force, and as the Substance Abuse
5 Coordinator for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure as pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church has experienced many
7 exciting developments, including the introduction of several new ministries and major
8 renovations of the church facilities; the church's academy and daycare have also experienced
9 significant growth, with the addition of kindergarten to the academy and other enhancements;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to his exhaustive work as a minister and as the leader of his church,
12 Pastor Turner is also a loving father and the devoted husband of the Honorable LaNett
13 Stanley-Turner; and

14 WHEREAS, on September 14, 2006, Pastor Turner will celebrate his third anniversary as the
15 ninth pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, and it is only fitting and proper that on the
16 occasion of this special milestone, this body pay tribute to this extraordinary servant of the
17 Lord.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join in commending Pastor Rodney K. Turner on his lifetime of
20 service to humanity and in thanking him for his many invaluable contributions to Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Rodney K. Turner.