

House Resolution 12EX

By: Representatives Bryant of the 160th, Jackson of the 161st, and Heard of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Bishop Matthew Marvin Odum on his affirmation as a Bishop; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Odum, as the Senior Pastor of the Temple of Glory Community Church
4 in Savannah, Georgia, for nearly 21 years, has been a pioneer and trailblazer for the cause
5 of spiritual empowerment and edification; and

6 WHEREAS, across the region, state, and nation, his name is synonymous with Kingdom
7 building; and Bishop Odum is committed to the teaching and preaching of God's Holy Word;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he is a native Savannahian and is the son of Mrs. Mary Lou Odum and the late
10 Mr. Willie B. Odum, and he matriculated in the public school system of Chatham County,
11 graduating from Sophronia Tompkins High School in 1975; and

12 WHEREAS, he furthered his studies by attending Savannah State College (now Savannah
13 State University) where he majored in English literature, later enrolled at the Covington
14 Theological Seminary where he earned a Master's degree, and is presently nearing
15 completion of earning a doctoral degree in ethnic studies; and

16 WHEREAS, Bishop Odum is a member of United Pentecostal Churches of Christ (UPCC)
17 under the leadership of presiding Prelate Bishop Larry Darnell Trotter and he will serve as
18 the Jurisdictional Bishop of the 15th Diocese, which covers a great portion of the Southeast
19 United States; and

20 WHEREAS, he was licensed and ordained and was called to pastor two churches on the same
21 day in December, 1984, and these two churches, Macedonia Baptist Church of Ellabell,
22 Georgia, and the then Garvin Temple Baptist Church, were the immediate classrooms of
23 pastoral experience for Bishop Odum; and

1 WHEREAS, during his earlier years of ministry, Bishop Odum preached an average of 30
2 revivals a year, carrying the message of encouragement, empowerment, and love; and

3 WHEREAS, his present civic and community involvements include being a member of the
4 Advisory Board of St Joseph's/Candler African American Health & Information Center and
5 a member of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, his past civic and community involvements include being a columnist for the
7 *Savannah Herald*, a board member of the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission, a
8 board member of the Savannah branch of the American Red Cross, and a board member of
9 the Westside Urban Health Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Odum has served as Chaplain of the Day on two occasions for the
11 Georgia General Assembly; and

12 WHEREAS, he is married to the former Sheila Kay Jenks, and they are the proud parents of
13 Tiffanie, Brittanie, and Matthew II; and

14 WHEREAS, Bishop Odum has devoted a lifetime of service to his church and his
15 community.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body congratulate and honor Bishop Matthew Marvin Odum on his
18 affirmation as a Bishop and wish him nothing but success in his new duties.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Matthew Marvin
21 Odum.