

House Resolution 381

By: Representative Heckstall of the 62nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Primis T. James upon his coronation as the 5th Deputy of the Orient of
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Primis T. James was born October 10, 1957, in Kingtree, South Carolina,
4 where he received his early education and graduated from Benedict College; and

5 WHEREAS, he became a Mason in 1980 and moved to Atlanta in 1981; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a Past Master of W.C. Thomas Lodge #112 of Atlanta, Georgia, and is
7 often called upon to mentor or lend support to the younger brothers; he is also a member of
8 Ruth Chapter #102, the Order of the Eastern Star; and

9 WHEREAS, Primis T. James is Past Commander in Chief of the Atlanta Consistory #24 and
10 Past Venerable Commander; and

11 WHEREAS, he received his 33rd Degree in Washington, D.C., in October, 1997; and

12 WHEREAS, he joined Nabbar Temple in 1988 and served as Potentate in 2004, and he is a
13 charter member of the motor unit; and

14 WHEREAS, the Sovereign Grand Commander Deary Vaughn appointed Primis T. James as
15 Overseer of the Works of Georgia in March, 2006, and on October 8, 2006, he was coroneted
16 as Deputy of the Orient of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Council of Deliberation was organized July 28, 1953 in Macon,
18 Georgia, with Grand Master John W. Dobbs as its first Deputy of the Orient, and it is a
19 charitable organization now entering its 54th year of awarding scholarships and serving the
20 community; and

1 WHEREAS, Primis T. James's community activities include working with the Sickle Cell
2 Foundation in Camp Hope Program, the Atlanta Food Bank, Hands On Atlanta, and the
3 Helping Hands Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards over the years, including: Mason of the Year
5 for 1989; an Award for Dedication and Commitment to W.C. Thomas Lodge in 1997; the
6 Golden Link Volunteer Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Community Service by
7 the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in 1997; the Award for Dedication and Contributions to
8 Prince Hall Masonry by then Grand Master Benjamin Barksdale in 1998; a Certificate of
9 Merit from the United Supreme Council in 1997; the Distinguished Services and Personal
10 Contributions Award from the Atlanta Consistory; the Award for Distinguished and
11 Dedicated Services to Nabbar Temple for several years; the Legion of Honor in 1995; and
12 the Noble and Officer of the Year in 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church in Jonesboro,
14 Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a devoted family man and is married to Brenda B. James, and they have
16 two children and four grandchildren.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body congratulate Primis T. James on his outstanding service to his
19 community and his state and congratulate him on his coronation as the 5th Deputy of the
20 Orient of 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 Primis T. James.