

House Resolution 760

By: Representative Mangham of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the contributions of members of the clergy in Georgia and recognizing the
2 sixth annual Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia is most fortunate to have a very diverse community of religious faiths
4 represented in its local communities throughout this great state; and

5 WHEREAS, the spiritual leaders of these various faiths provide tremendous comfort, hope,
6 support, and joy to individuals and families as they proceed through life, helping them to find
7 God's direction for the road ahead; and

8 WHEREAS, through their teachings the clergy have inspired spiritual understanding and
9 peace to persons from all walks of life and for generations reached out to nurture persons in
10 need of refuge and support along life's journey; and

11 WHEREAS, great religious leaders have ministered to Georgia's communities, actively
12 promoting improved community relations among its people and personally demonstrating
13 their steadfast commitment to social justice for all Georgians; and

14 WHEREAS, for each house of worship, its leader guides his flock, like the shepherd his
15 sheep, through prayer as his own supplication to God for guidance and through the faithful
16 prayers of those under his leadership; and

17 WHEREAS, we owe a depth of gratitude to those who faithfully serve God and His people
18 as dedicated and honorable ministers to their communities, often neglecting their own
19 personal needs to give us guidance and comfort, in good times and in trials; and

20 WHEREAS, in his letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul instructed the people "to know
21 them who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, to esteem them very highly in love
22 for their work's sake," such wise words having application to all faiths as it is incumbent

1 upon all of us to acknowledge the great deeds and sacrifices of our ministers and to express
2 our deepest appreciation for their service.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body commend Georgia's clergy for their community leadership and
5 recognize the sixth annual Clergy Day at the Georgia State Capitol to welcome these devout
6 leaders.