

## House Resolution 1131

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup> and Hill of the 180<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Reverend E. L. Hart and Sister Pearl Hart for 30 years of service at First  
2 African Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Sunday, December 2, 2007, the congregation of First African Missionary  
4 Baptist Church in Kingsland, Georgia, honored Dr. Reverend E. L. Hart and Sister Pearl Hart  
5 for 30 years of service to the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Hart was born in Eastman, Georgia, the son of the late Eddie and Gertrude  
7 Davis Hart, and in his youth he developed a solid work ethic working as a turpentine laborer  
8 and as a laborer at the Cloister Hotel before beginning a 33 1/2 year career as an employee  
9 and labor leader at the Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company; and

10 WHEREAS, he met and married the love of his life, Pearl, and the couple raised a family,  
11 but there was a longing in his soul that could only be filled by answering the Lord's call, and  
12 so in 1974 he was accepted into the ministry and became pastor at Union Baptist Church in  
13 Ardock, Georgia, then Eastlight Baptist Church, and then Zion Rock Baptist Church, and  
14 finally in 1977 he was called to serve as pastor at First African Missionary Church in  
15 Kingsland, and so he came to pastor both Zion Rock and First African Missionary  
16 simultaneously; and

17 WHEREAS, in his life as a father, employee, and pastor, Dr. Hart never lost sight of the  
18 inspiration and help without which he could accomplish nothing, the woman God had sent  
19 to him, Sister Pearl, and the two truly shared the trials, joys, and triumphs of working in the  
20 Lord's vineyards over the years; and

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22 WHEREAS, even as he ministered to his flock, Dr. Hart grew academically, obtaining his  
23 GED in 1967, then earning a Bachelor of Practical Ministry in 2002 and a Masters in  
24 Practical Ministry in 2004, an Honorary Doctor of Religious Education that same year, and

1 in 2005 he earned a Doctorate of Biblical Studies in Theology conferred by Masters Graduate  
2 School of Divinity; and

3 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that the many good works of this unique man and  
4 woman be recognized and commended.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
6 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Reverend E. L. Hart and Sister Pearl  
7 Hart for their many contributions to their community, and particularly for their 30 years of  
8 service at First African Missionary Baptist Church.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Reverend E. L. Hart and  
11 Sister Pearl Hart.