A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor James C. Ward and First Lady Idell Ward on the occasion of their 13th

2 anniversary at Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor James C. Ward is the celebrated pastor of the Antioch-Lithonia
4 Missionary Baptist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Ward, Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist
6 Church has continued to grow, both in membership and in spiritual maturity; and

WHEREAS, since Pastor Ward took over the pulpit on March 5, 1995, the membership has
grown from 550 members to over 2,500 members as of March, 2008; and

9 WHEREAS, under his leadership, many ministries have been established, including a 10 marketing ministry, a deacons' membership ministry, a liturgical dance ministry, a video 11 ministry, a counseling ministry, a singles' ministry, a couples' ministry, and a seniors' 12 ministry; and

WHEREAS, the crowning touch of Pastor Ward's ministry has been the relocation of thechurch to its new site and its official rededication on November 7, 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, on the occasion of the celebration of Pastor Ward and First Lady Wards' 13th 16 anniversary at Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church, it is abundantly fitting and

17 proper for this body to recognize with particularity the outstanding accomplishments of this

18 church, Pastor Ward, and First Lady Idell Ward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
join together in commending Pastor James C. Ward and First Lady Idell Ward on the
celebration of their 13th anniversary at Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor James C. Ward and First Lady
- 3 Idell Ward.