

## House Resolution 1557

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Oliver of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, and Henson of the 87<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jack Marks on the occasion of his tenth pastoral  
2 anniversary with Thankful Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jack Marks has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
4 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
5 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Marks was called by the Lord to lead the congregation of Thankful  
7 Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, in 2000, and on March 21, 2010, he  
8 celebrates his tenth pastoral anniversary with the church; and

9 WHEREAS, over the past decade, Reverend Marks has fostered the mission and vision of  
10 Thankful Missionary Baptist Church and has licensed three ministers, ordained nine deacons,  
11 and greatly increased membership for the Sunday school; and

12 WHEREAS, under his divine leadership, Thankful Missionary Baptist Church was granted  
13 status as a nonprofit organization and a Community Development Corporation as a faith  
14 based initiative organization; and

15 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
16 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
17 humanitarian, Reverend Marks serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Marks is a source of  
19 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata, and his  
20 vision has helped the church establish a daycare, a senior program, and a food pantry that  
21 feeds over 60 families a month; and

22 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to First Lady Julia Marks for 44  
23 wonderful years, and they have been blessed with three successful sons, Steven, C. Jack, and  
24 Bryant, and five remarkable grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Marks's guidance and inspiration have helped establish Thankful  
26 Missionary Baptist Church as a community presence, allowing the church to serve as an  
27 uplifting spiritual beacon of hope; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
29 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
30 on behalf of persons in need.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Jack Marks on the wonderful occasion of  
33 his tenth pastoral anniversary with Thankful Missionary Baptist Church and extend best  
34 wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Jack Marks.