

## House Resolution 1870

By: Representatives Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Andrew Johnson on the occasion of his 35th  
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was called by the Lord 35 years ago to lead the congregation  
7 of First Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, as the church's 13th pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, educated in the public school system of South Carolina, Reverend Johnson  
9 attended the School of Theology at Benedict College and Morris College; and

10 WHEREAS, he stands as the longest serving pastor in the history of First Mt. Moriah Baptist  
11 Church, and his vision and direction have helped the church grow in size and influence,  
12 uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and  
13 place for fellowship; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnson was united in love and marriage to the late Gerline Harris  
15 Johnson and has been blessed with six children, 13 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, a trusted community leader, Reverend Johnson led a march against dope and  
18 crime in 1992, helped record the hit single "Drug Dealers, Drug Pushers, We Don't Need  
19 You Here," and served as a guest speaker at First Baptist Church in an effort to unite the  
20 African American and white communities of Augusta; and

21 WHEREAS, this talented artist is the former lead singer of the Southern Six of Springfield,  
22 South Carolina, and has recorded albums such as *The Task of the Church* and *Thou Art With*  
23 *Me*; and

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

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Johnson is a source of  
28 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Andrew Johnson on the wonderful occasion  
34 of his 35th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
35 fellowship and leadership.

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