

Senate Resolution 35

By: Senator James of the 35th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Kevin Lydell Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Kevin Lydell Smith has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has spent over 20 years studying the Word of God and began his  
6 pastorship in 2001; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his ministry is uniquely known for love, power, and commitment to the poor,  
8 and he serves as a friend and partner to the hungry, troubled, and homeless in the inner city  
9 of Atlanta; and
- 10 WHEREAS, known affectionately as "the Rev" in the Vine City/English Avenue community,  
11 Bishop Smith takes on the role of father, friend, advocate, and philanthropist to many; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2010, Bishop Smith established Lena's House, a transitional housing quad  
13 in Vine City which provides a safe housing for women and children in need; and
- 14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
16 humanitarian, Bishop Smith serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Smith is a source of  
18 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
20 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
21 on behalf of persons in need.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize Bishop Kevin Lydell Smith on his devotion to the Lord and passion for helping  
24 the poor and less fortunate in Atlanta.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Kevin Lydell Smith.