

House Resolution 128

By: Representatives Hugley of the 133rd, Smith of the 131st, Buckner of the 130th, Smyre of the 132nd, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend James Calvin Harris on the occasion of his 60th
2 pastoral anniversary with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was born on April 7, 1925, in Lee County, Georgia, the
7 beloved son of the late Elijah and Viola Harris; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Navy and attended Albany State College and the American Baptist Theological
10 Seminary; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was united in love and marriage to Maggie Jefferson Harris
12 in 1944 and has been blessed with seven remarkable children, 11 amazing grandchildren, and
13 a precious great-grandchild; and

14 WHEREAS, ordained in the ministry in 1949, Reverend Harris was called by the Lord 60
15 years ago to lead the congregation of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church grow in size
17 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
18 leader and place for fellowship; and

19 WHEREAS, over the past six decades leading Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Reverend Harris
20 has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
21 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

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

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

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body congratulate Reverend James Calvin Harris on the wonderful
32 occasion of his 60th pastoral anniversary with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church and extend best
33 wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

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