

Senate Resolution 108

By: Senator Grant of the 25th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Israel Temple CME on the occasion of its 144th anniversary;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted  
4 original worshipers of Israel Temple CME have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition and  
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1867 by a group of ex-slaves who desired to leave the White  
7 Methodist Church as a result of the Civil War and its nature of slave religion, lack of policy  
8 regarding black members, the effective missionary of northern missionaries, and a desire for  
9 a separate religious institution where they could sign songs of Zion with feeling, pray prayers  
10 of confession, and enjoy the feeling of being part of a worship service; and

11 WHEREAS, the present structure of worship for Israel Temple CME was built in 1891, with  
12 the original stone laid by Reverend G. W. Dinkins, Reverend Randall A. Carter, Bishop  
13 Lucius H. Holsey, and trustees W.M. Hall, R. Berry, J.C. Stillwell, F.L. Willis, Arron  
14 Woodward, P.C. Sanders, and G. Hawthorn; and

15 WHEREAS, over the years, Israel Temple CME has grown under the divine direction of  
16 numerous pastors, including the church's first female pastor, Reverend Lavonia K. McIntyre,  
17 who was appointed in 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of  
19 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through  
20 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

21 WHEREAS, members of Israel Temple CME have a sincere desire to serve the Lord and are  
22 wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

23 WHEREAS, on February 20, 2011, Israel Temple CME celebrates its 144th anniversary with  
24 homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former members, friends,  
25 and community associates to celebrate; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize the rich history of Israel Temple CME, commend its 144 years of dedicated service  
31 to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth  
32 and success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Israel Temple CME.