

House Resolution 716

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bishop C.L. Carter, Sr., on his service, leadership, and devotion to the ministry
2 for more than 50 years; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop C.L. Carter, Sr., 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, Bishop Carter was called by the Lord in 1982 to create and lead the
7 congregation of First Missionary Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Bishop Carter attended Carver Bible Institute and
9 College and Morehouse College School of Continuing Education; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Carter was challenged by God to establish a Bible institute to fully train
11 men and women to continue to carry out Jesus' final words to His followers with his creation
12 of the Carter Theological Institute of Ministry in 1990; and

13 WHEREAS, he was consecrated as a Bishop in 2002, is affiliated with Sounds of Praise
14 Pentecostal Fellowship Ministries, Inc., and is united in love and marriage to Elder Deborah
15 V. Carter; and

16 WHEREAS, Bishop Carter has been featured in *Gospel Today Magazine* as one of The Most
17 Loved Pastors, has been inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers by
18 Morehouse College, and has been recognized by the Concerned Black Clergy of
19 Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc., as a Top 25 Pastor; and

20 WHEREAS, he has encouraged and actively assisted over 25 pastors in the establishment of
21 their own churches; and

22 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Missionary Baptist Church grow in
23 size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a
24 spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

25 WHEREAS, over the past five decades leading First Missionary Baptist Church, Bishop
26 Carter has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual
27 and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

28 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
29 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
30 humanitarian, Bishop Carter serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

31 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Carter is a source of
32 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body congratulate Bishop C.L. Carter, Sr., on 50 years of successful
38 fellowship and leadership.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop C.L. Carter, Sr.