

House Resolution 978

By: Representative Heard of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend James Kendrick on the occasion of his 50th
2 anniversary with East Friendship Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend James Kendrick 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 Kendrick was born in Warren County, Georgia, the beloved son of
7 Leon Kendrick and Sophronia Tucker Kendrick, and was called to the ministry at the age of
8 14; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Warren County Public School System, Reverend Kendrick
10 attended Morehouse College and Morehouse School of Religion and served as a guardian of
11 this nation's freedom and liberty as a corporal in the United States Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Kendrick has devoted more than half a century to the ministry and
13 served as pastor of White Oak Springs Baptist Church in Winder, Cedar Spring Baptist
14 Church in Cedartown, and East Friendship Baptist Church in Athens; and

15 WHEREAS, he has led the congregation of East Friendship for 50 years and his vision and
16 direction have helped the church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the
17 light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

18 WHEREAS, over the past five decades leading East Friendship, Reverend Kendrick has
19 established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
20 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Kendrick has been united in love and marriage to Mary Deane Echols
22 Kendrick for 48 wonderful years, he has been blessed with the support of his remarkable

23 children, Dr. James Alan Kendrick and Renata Kendrick Cooper and James W. Cooper, and
24 he is the proud grandfather of twins, James Kendrick Cooper and Carter Deane Cooper; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Kendrick's leadership and guidance have been invaluable to
26 numerous organizations, including the Kennesaw Missionary Baptist Association, the New
27 Era State Baptist Convention of Georgia, the NAACP, the Concerned Black Clergy of
28 Atlanta, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Union; and

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body congratulate Reverend James Kendrick on the wonderful occasion
37 of his 50th anniversary with East Friendship Baptist Church and extend best wishes for many
38 more years of successful 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 Reverend James Kendrick.