

House Resolution 1446

By: Representative Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jerry D. Black on the occasion of his 20th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jerry D. Black accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age
4 of 12 and served as Minister of Music at the West End Baptist Church in Blytheville,
5 Arkansas; and

6 WHEREAS, at the age of 21 he accepted his calling to preach the Gospel, serving as pastor
7 of the Greater Paradise Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, where during his 15 years
8 of service the church membership grew from 17 members to over 3,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Black was united in love and marriage for 32 years to the late Glenda
10 J. Harris Black, and this union blessed them with four remarkable children, Tangie, Jerry, Jr.,
11 Erica, and Terica, and four delightful grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, the Beulah Church family confirmed the divine appointment of Reverend Black
13 as their seventh pastor in November of 1991; and

14 WHEREAS, as church attendance grew to such an extent that the capacity was overflowing,
15 Reverend Black purchased a former golf course as the land of Beulah Church's next home;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, this humble man has become nationally recognized for his preaching, but his
18 heart for serving God has not changed; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Jerry D. Black on the occasion of his 20th
26 pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship
27 and leadership.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Jerry D. Black.