

House Resolution 1804

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dennis A. Meredith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dennis A. Meredith earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in religion
3 from Samford University and is a graduate of Golden Gate Theological Seminary; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he served at Mount Zion Baptist Church and Sardis Baptist Church in
5 Birmingham, Alabama and Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Oakland,
6 California, and currently serves at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta; and
- 7 WHEREAS, since becoming Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Reverend Meredith has
8 led in community development by acquiring and restoring over 13 parcels of blighted
9 property in the Old Fourth Ward; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his outreach ministry focuses on healing and empowering unhealthy
11 communities, which led to the founding of Beacon of Hope, Inc., (BOH) in 1996, a
12 nationally accredited early childhood and school age education program that offers youth and
13 adult leadership, education, training, and employment, as well as family advocacy programs;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, he frequently attended Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar and Love
16 Fellowship Conference, where he served on the board of directors for ten years as treasurer,
17 and served as a director head on the board of directors for AID Atlanta, the largest and most
18 comprehensive AIDS service organization in the Southeast United States; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Reverend Meredith has been honored numerous times, including the 2004 Local
20 Hero Award sponsored by Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative and the
21 Clergy Committed to Community Award for his leadership in enacting positive change by
22 the Atlanta chapter of the National Action Network; and

23 WHEREAS, he has partnered in the Gospel Music Workshop of America and has worked
24 with talents such as great gospel legend James Cleveland and Charles Nicks and appeared
25 in the opening line up for artists such as Shirley Caesar, Melba Moore, and Stephanie Mills;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Meredith is the proud father of three remarkable sons; and

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

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Reverend Dennis A. Meredith on his many years of
35 service to the ministry and his community and extend best wishes for many more years of
36 successful fellowship and leadership.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dennis A.
39 Meredith.