

Senate Resolution 1205

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Jeffares of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor James Cornell Ward on the occasion of his 17th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor James Cornell Ward has devoted 17 years to preaching the word of God
4 and leading the congregation in the St. Mountain/Lithonia community; and

5 WHEREAS, he was granted a scholarship from Henry County Training School in Abbeville,
6 Alabama and began his education at Morehouse College where he earned a bachelor's degree
7 in philosophy and German, a master of divinity degree in church administration from New
8 Orleans Baptist Seminary, and a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of New
9 Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Ward received his call to the ministry in 1981 and served with faith and
11 devotion as pastor of St. James Baptist Church and Mt. Enon for more than seven years each
12 and is currently at Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, during his leadership at Antioch-Lithonia Missionary Baptist Church the church
14 has seen many great accomplishments, including entering into a new era, relocation to a new
15 house of worship, and being a recipient of the KABOOM Project; and

16 WHEREAS, active in his community, Pastor Ward is involved in many organizations,
17 including the DeKalb County History Center, the Baylor Hymn Project, Howard University
18 Gospel Choir, the Spelman Glee Club, Albany State University Gospel Choir, Chaplain of
19 the Day in the Senate chambers, and the Bahamas Consulate General Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, he has received numerous honors, including the Atlanta Gospel Choice Award;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Ward is united in love and marriage to Idell Ward, and together they are
23 blessed with three remarkable children, Daryl, Rebecca, and Carmen, and 11 delightful
24 grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, Pastor Ward's many achievements will stand as symbols of dignity, pride, and
26 honor for his congregation and the citizens of this state for generations to come, and it is
27 abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love
28 be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of
29 persons in need.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Pastor James Cornell Ward for the leadership and guidance he provides to the
32 members of his church and the surrounding community and congratulate him on the
33 wonderful occasion of his 17th pastoral anniversary.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor James Cornell Ward.