

## House Resolution 47EX

By: Representatives Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Frazier of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, and Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Bruce Martin; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Bruce Martin was born November 11, 1945, in  
3 Monroe, Louisiana, the son of the Reverend Dr. B. F. Martin and the late Mrs. Hilda E.  
4 Martin, and he is married to Mrs. Iris Lewis Martin and is the father of Gweneth, Suzanne,  
5 and Renee; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he received his primary and secondary education in the public schools of  
7 Monroe, Louisiana, graduated from Morehouse College in 1967, and graduated Cum Laude  
8 from Carver Bible College in 1983, and received a Doctorate of Divinity from United  
9 Theological Seminary in 1995; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Reverend Martin came to Augusta in April, 1986, as the pastor of Antioch  
11 Missionary Baptist Church and immediately began a holistic ministry to bring about  
12 progressive changes in the lives of not only his Antioch members, but the community and  
13 all people in need; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he fervently preaches and teaches God's word through weekly worships, Bible  
15 study, Sunday school, and group and individual sessions and activities and enables many to  
16 see Jesus in him by his overall character and lifestyle, and he is genuinely kind, considerate,  
17 caring, compassionate, very generous, and willing to go to the limit to help and uplift others;  
18 his evangelistic efforts include an organized team to go into the streets seeking others to be  
19 saved, as he has done himself since his arrival; and
- 20 WHEREAS, education is very important to him and is stressed in every area, and under his  
21 guidance scholarships are provided and recognitions and prizes are given to encourage  
22 excellence, and he visits students at their schools and shows up at their activities to let them  
23 know he cares, and classes, training, workshops, fellowships, and activities are provided for

24 all age levels through these ministries, including Men of Antioch Church, Antioch Women  
25 in Christ, Faith Led Youth, and Children Living in Christ; and

26 WHEREAS, under Reverend Martin's direction the church also sponsors housing, health,  
27 food, clothing, and benevolence ministries, and the community outreach programs include  
28 the prison, radio, tape, outreach, public relations, and local and foreign mission ministries,  
29 and people familiar with Antioch know that they can come to Antioch and obtain help in any  
30 of these areas of human institutions; and

31 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this dynamic man of God be recognized and  
32 commended for the many positive benefits he has bestowed upon his community and the  
33 state.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body recognize and commend the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Bruce Martin  
36 for his public service to the citizens of Augusta and the state.

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 the Reverend Dr. Kenneth  
39 Bruce Martin.