

## House Resolution 70EX

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Robert Warren Turner, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Reverend Robert Warren Turner, Jr., the fourth of six siblings, was born on  
3 November 1, 1943, to the late Dea. and Mrs. Robert W. Turner, Sr., in Aiken County, South  
4 Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, he received his parochial education from the historic Morris School which only  
6 had two classrooms, and from there, Robert attended the Freedman Grammar School which  
7 was in Graniteville, South Carolina; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1958, Jefferson High School was erected; at the time Robert was in the  
9 eighth grade, and while in high school, Robert excelled in many areas, especially in the areas  
10 of singing and speaking; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1975, he was called to pastor the Good Samaritan Baptist Church in Augusta,  
12 Georgia, and his first Sunday as pastor there were more than 30 members from his former  
13 pastorate in Burke County united with the Good Samaritans; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner was happily married for almost 27 years to the late Mrs. Dorothy  
15 Carpenter Turner. The two lovers were blessed with one son, Robert Fitzgerald Turner, who  
16 lives in Detroit, Michigan. Pastor Turner is extremely happy to serve as the only grandfather  
17 for Gerald and his lovely wife, Nabeela's two handsome sons, Zariq and Zayaan Turner; and

18 WHEREAS, among many other honors and achievements for his humanitarianism, Pastor  
19 Turner serves on the faculties of Paine College and the Voorhees Organizational  
20 Management Program for Adult Learners; is the First Advisor to the Historic Ushers' Union  
21 of Georgia, Incorporated; is listed in at least six editions of The Best Teachers In America;  
22 is named in the Southern Highland's Foundation of Who's Who in Georgia; has received a  
23 plaque from the Congressional Record with his name in the Library of Congress; has been

24 selected as Teacher of the Year four times in the David Tobias Howard Community School  
25 of the Atlanta Public Schools Continuing Education Division; has served as the Community  
26 School Liaison Representative to the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change; and has  
27 served as a Deputy Registrar for Fulton County; and

28 WHEREAS, Pastor Turner holds the following degrees: The Bachelor of Arts in Secondary  
29 English - Benedict College; The Master of Education from Georgia State University; The  
30 Specialist Teaching Credential from the University of South Carolina; and the Doctor of  
31 Philosophy in Education from the prestigious Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
32 and Naples, Florida; and

33 WHEREAS, on the fourth Sunday in March, 2011, he became Pastor Emeritus of the Good  
34 Samaritan Baptist Church and his philosophy is: If I Can Help Somebody as I Pass Along;  
35 If I Can Cheer Just One Somebody with the Words of A Song, then, and only then, will My  
36 Living Have Not Been In Vain!

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
38 the members of this body commend Reverend Robert Warren Turner, Jr. for his lifetime of  
39 achievement and service.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Robert Warren  
42 Turner, Jr.