

House Resolution 90EX

By: Representatives Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Buckner of the 130th, Smith of the 131st, and Williams of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr. has spent a lifetime answering God's call
3 to be His messenger to do His will; and

4 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon; visiting the sick; counseling the
5 troubled; baptizing a new believer; or acting as a theologian, evangelist, educator,
6 administrator, soloist, or humanitarian, or any of the other countless responsibilities of a
7 minister of the Gospel, Reverend Flakes has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment
8 truly reflective of divine guidance; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Flakes is currently in his 50th year of service as pastor of Fourth
10 Street Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, and his 52nd year of service as
11 pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, under his guiding heart and gentle hands, baptisms, Sunday school attendance,
13 church membership, charitable giving, missionaries, and all church functions have increased
14 at dramatic levels; and

15 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Flakes is a source of
16 strength, inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic
17 strata; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastorate ministry, Reverend Flakes is currently serving as
19 Chairman of the Board of Trustees of American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee,
20 Chairman of One Columbus, member and past president of the NAACP, President and
21 founder of "A Call To Talk" (ACTT), chartering pastor of the General Missionary Baptist
22 Convention of West Germany, member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., member

23 of National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and a member of General Missionary
24 Baptist Convention of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding that he and his wife, Robena, have
26 demonstrated provide the foundation and framework of success in which all of their family
27 members have developed and flourished for two descending generations as evidenced by
28 their three wonderful children and three delightful grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
30 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
31 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
32 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

33 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
34 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made of his life, he
35 makes this world a better place in which to live; it is only fitting and proper that he be
36 appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body commend Reverend Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, Jr. for his unparalleled
39 record of community service and his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons
40 in need; recognize the lifelong, dynamic Christian Ministry of this devout and pious man;
41 congratulate him upon the singular service of doing God's work at Fourth Street Missionary
42 Baptist Church for the past 50 years; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for
43 continued health and happiness.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Johnny H.
46 Flakes, Jr.