

## House Resolution 125

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Sharper of the 177<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Reverend Samuel Grant; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Samuel Grant began his official service to God in Christian ministry  
3 in April 1956 with his trial sermon delivered at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church in Augusta and  
4 was ordained Deacon by Bishop Tucker in 1958 during the Georgia Annual Conference at  
5 Smith Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Girard, Georgia; and

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7 WHEREAS, he received Elder's Orders in 1962 at the hand of Bishop Hilliard at Mt. Zion  
8 A.M.E. Zion Church in Augusta; and

9 WHEREAS, since his ordination, he has served as the pastor of many current and former  
10 churches within the Augusta and Winder Districts, often holding two or three appointments  
11 at the same time, including Winn Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Zion  
12 Church, Smith Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, New Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, St. Paul A.M.E.  
13 Zion Church, Prospect A.M.E. Zion Church, and Green Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, which  
14 he pastored for 44 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Grant officially retired from the pastorate Sunday, October 7, 2012,  
16 at the culmination of the 145th session of the Georgia Annual Conference; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral work, he has been very involved in community  
18 service, including volunteer work as an active member of the NAACP; helping organize  
19 voter registration drives; helping secure services for children and youth through partnerships  
20 with schools, the 21st Century After-school Program, and Even Start Family Literacy; and  
21 organizing community food drives; and

22 WHEREAS, he is the loving and devoted husband of Mrs. Louise Grant, and is father,  
23 grandfather, and great-grandfather to his beautiful and extensive multi-generational family;  
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25 WHEREAS, a true servant of God and friend to all, he credits Psalm 37 as his favorite  
26 scripture; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
28 of peace and love be recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Samuel Grant for his service  
31 to God and his extensive pastoral and community service work.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Samuel Grant.