

## House Resolution 127

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 Honoring and celebrating the 84th birthday of Deacon Hilliard Baker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Deacon Hilliard Baker was born in Buena Vista, Georgia, on March 8, 1928,  
3 the beloved son of the late Rufus and Priscilla King Baker, and this year he has the rare  
4 distinction of celebrating his 84th birthday; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this distinguished citizen was a highly successful businessman in Boston,  
6 Massachusetts in the 1950s, where he began H.B. Plumbing & Heating and also operated a  
7 taxi cab business in Dorchester, Massachusetts; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Hilliard is a loyal and caring husband to his wife Lacey Green Baker and a  
9 loving and proud father to their nine wonderful children; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high  
11 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens as demonstrated by his devoted and  
12 active long-time membership with the church totaling more than 45 years of Christian  
13 service, including: his membership with the Bible Tones Gospel Singers of Boston,  
14 Massachusetts; his service as a member of the Usher Board, Chairman of the Trustees Board,  
15 and Chairman of the Deacons Board with Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in  
16 Massachusetts; and his service as the Assistant Chairman of the Board of Deacons with  
17 Bottsford Baptist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, this devout Christian leader became a charter member of the New Birth  
19 Missionary Baptist Church in 1998, where he has served as Assistant Chairman and later  
20 Chairman of the Board of Deacons; and he currently serves as the oldest active Chairman of  
21 the Board of Deacons for the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Deacon Baker has demonstrated have  
23 provided the foundation and framework of success in which his family and church members  
24 have developed and flourished; and

25 WHEREAS, Deacon Baker possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience  
26 and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of  
27 life, and he is a person of great strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity,  
28 intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

29 WHEREAS, a kind and generous man, he brings joy and happiness to his many friends,  
30 neighbors, and family members who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and he  
31 epitomizes Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before me that they may see your works  
32 and glorify your Father in heaven"; and

33 WHEREAS, by the example Deacon Hilliard Baker has made of his life, he makes this world  
34 a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately  
35 recognized during this very special and memorable time of his life.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body commend Deacon Hilliard Baker on this wonderful occasion for  
38 his unselfish, dedicated, and loving service to the members of his family, church, and the  
39 citizens of the State of Georgia; congratulate him on the remarkable achievement of his 84th  
40 birthday; and extend to him most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
42 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deacon Hilliard Baker.