

House Resolution 400

By: Representatives Douglas of the 78th, Mabra of the 63rd, Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, and Glanton of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greater St. Peter A.M.E. Church at River's Edge on the
2 occasion of its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Greater St. Peter A.M.E. Church at River's Edge have blossomed,
5 establishing a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, the church emerged out of the labors of those who toiled to build a sanctuary
7 for the glory of God; and

8 WHEREAS, the church was organized in February, 1913, in the home of the Nelson Family,
9 with the help of founder Reverend George W. Young; and

10 WHEREAS, for three years, Reverend George W. Young pastored the church in a rented
11 basement of a house located on Alexander Street; and during this time, membership grew to
12 47; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1944, under the pastorate and leadership of Reverend M.B. McClendon, the
14 Cain Street Church was built, and later, under the leadership of Reverend W.T. Gilliard, the
15 church experienced its greatest growth; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Isaiah J. Waddy was appointed pastor of Greater St. Peter in 1997 and
17 added to the church's name "at River's Edge" because the new location was on 18 acres of
18 land near the edge of the Flint River in Jonesboro, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, the church body is focused on a commitment to tithing and financial
20 stewardship and has a sincere desire to serve the Lord and is wholeheartedly committed to
21 spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
23 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
24 on behalf of persons in need.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Greater St. Peter A.M.E. Church at
27 River's Edge, commend its 100 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and
28 extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greater St. Peter A.M.E.
31 Church at River's Edge.