

House Resolution 460

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, Stephenson of the 90th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Eyvonne H. Whitman on her outstanding
2 achievements; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Eyvonne H. Whitman has shown the relentless pursuit of
4 passion and purpose given to her through her service as the first female of the three charges
5 to which she has been appointed; and

6 WHEREAS, she continued her pursuit of excellence in ministry, graduating from the ITC
7 and the United Theological Seminary, receiving the Henry McNeal Turner Alumni Award
8 from Turner Seminary; and

9 WHEREAS, she is an honoree of the 2013 Tribute to Mrs. Jarena Lee, the first female
10 preacher in the A.M.E. church, hosted by Saint Paul A.M.E church in Atlanta, Georgia,
11 where the Reverend Dr. Thomas L. Bess, Sr., is pastor and the Reverend Hope S. Sutton,
12 Reverend L.B. Sutton, and Reverend Libya BaaQar serve as visionaries and coordinators for
13 the Women in Ministry Celebration; and she will be declared a Daughter of Mrs. Jarena Lee;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, she continues to build meaningful relationships with God, family, and
16 community through the preaching and singing the good news of Jesus Christ; and

17 WHEREAS, she is a woman who has not despised humble beginnings and has allowed her
18 gifts to make room for her; and

19 WHEREAS, she carries the wind and the fire for this generation and for those to come, and
20 it is abundantly fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join in honoring and commending Reverend Doctor Eyvonne H.

23 Whitman for her accomplishments in the local church as a leading pastor, for her vision for
24 the community, and for her commitment to the calling as an outstanding preacher in the
25 African Methodist Episcopal Church.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Doctor Eyvonne
28 H. Whitman.