

House Resolution 735

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Smith of the 41st, Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smyre of the 135th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III's 20th anniversary at the church;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III, the lead pastor of Destiny World Church in Austell,
4 Georgia, has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through
5 word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs
6 of others; and

7 WHEREAS, when he arrived at Destiny World Church, formerly Mt. Sinai Baptist Church,
8 in 1993, it was a small congregation of 40 members; and

9 WHEREAS, now, under the astute direction and vision of Pastor Purvis and his commitment
10 to leading people to experience the fullness of Jesus Christ, the church has seen a significant
11 growth in membership; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1998, he founded Destiny Christian Academy, a school of distinction that
13 serves pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, and he formed WTP Ministries, a nonprofit
14 organization that hosts conferences and is most notably recognized for awarding the
15 Savannah Raines Scholarship, named in honor of his grandmother, to college bound seniors;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he led his congregation in the purchase of 26 acres of prime real estate in
18 metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, and the construction of the first phase of a multimillion dollar
19 project, and he also formed businesses that have helped individuals obtain home ownership
20 and employment opportunities; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Purvis also has an outstanding commitment to the community, hosting
22 home ownership workshops, HIV-AIDS awareness, political forums, and youth mentorship

23 programs at Destiny World Church; and he has funded the Wilbur T. Purvis Endowment at
24 Grambling State University; and

25 WHEREAS, he holds a bachelor's degree from Grambling State University and a Master of
26 Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion, and he is a proud member of the
27 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

28 WHEREAS, along with his many accomplishments, Pastor Purvis's greatest joy comes from
29 being married to the love of his life, Lady Kim Purvis, and being a devoted father to
30 Christina and Destin; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III's 20th
36 anniversary at the church and for his significant commitment to his ministry and the word
37 of God.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Wilbur T. Purvis III.