

House Resolution 1277

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Saint Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church W.N.  
2 Griffin, Jr. Gospel Choir on the occasion of their 70th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the W.N. Griffin, Jr. Gospel Choir was established in November 1944 under the  
4 leadership of the late Reverend J.S. Roddy, with seven dedicated choir members; and

5 WHEREAS, at its inception, the choir was known by the name of "Choir Number Two," but  
6 in July 2001, was changed to the W.N. Griffin, Jr. Gospel Choir, to honor the memory of a  
7 hardworking and devoted choir member, the late W.N. Griffin, Jr., who joined the choir at  
8 the age of 15, was a member for over 50 years, served as president of the choir, and remained  
9 an active member of the choir and visionary of the Music Ministry until his death in June  
10 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, the W.N. Griffin Jr., Gospel Choir is known to have traveled to numerous  
12 locations in and outside of the Atlanta Metropolitan area, in addition to other regions of the  
13 State of Georgia, and has performed concerts in Baltimore, Maryland, Cleveland, Ohio,  
14 Pensacola, Florida, and Gulfport, Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1987, the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir produced a well-received,  
16 professional recording entitled "Consecration," under the direction of Ms. Joann Price and  
17 Mr. Ronald Stevens; and

18 WHEREAS, the choir's legacy and devoted members continue to grow in singing the "songs  
19 of Zion," and their dedication and talent are certainly worthy of recognition.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend the W.N. Griffin, Jr., Gospel Choir for its many beautiful  
22 performances and extend best wishes for a successful and joyful future, as they celebrate  
23 their 70th anniversary on February 9th, 2014.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Saint Philip African  
26 Methodist Episcopal Church.