

House Resolution 1342

By: Representative Beverly of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Brandon Keith Huff Bennings; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Brandon Keith Huff Bennings on November 12, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Brandon was born on August 13, 1987, in Dunwoody, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of Barbara L. Bonner and the late Byron K. Bennings; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of New Hope  
7 Missionary Baptist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, at 15, Brandon chose to become a disciple of Christ and on August 18, 2003,  
9 formally announced his intent to serve as a minister of the Word of God; under Pastor  
10 Michael Chambers, Brandon preached his initial sermon, "God's Next Generation" from 1  
11 Timothy 4:12, and was licensed for Christian ministry on October 17, 2004; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 2010 he accepted an opportunity to serve as the Youth Pastor at Greater Faith  
13 Church in College Park, Georgia; serving as a spiritual guide was a natural fit for Brandon  
14 because it allowed him to share his love for God's word while helping his peers become  
15 better and stronger people; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he attended Morehouse College from 2005 to 2010, where he majored in  
17 religion and philosophy with a concentration in ecumenism and the Black church; during this  
18 time, Brandon participated in the 2010 Lead Global Pre-College Leadership Program and the  
19 Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistant Program and taught a "Walk in  
20 Wisdom" Bible study class; and

21 WHEREAS, Brandon gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep  
22 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
23 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Brandon Keith Huff Bennings will long be  
28 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will  
29 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Brandon Keith Huff  
32 Bennings and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Brandon Keith  
35 Huff Bennings.