

House Resolution 1701

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup> and Henson of the 86<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Martha J. Thomas on the occasion of her 10th  
2 anniversary as Prelate of The House Of God Church, Georgia Diocese Number One; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Martha J. Thomas of the House of God Church is the presiding Prelate  
5 Bishop of Georgia and Tennessee, serving a total of 14 churches; and

6 WHEREAS, she received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts degree  
7 in Christian counseling from the International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas is the former president and current advisor of the International  
9 Missionary Outreach Society; the society named her Ambassador of the Year 2002-2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas has demonstrated her commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
11 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
12 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others, as evidenced by her hard work to found and  
13 organize the International Missionary Outreach Society's Three-day Missionary Outreach  
14 Summit; and

15 WHEREAS, her vision and direction have helped The House Of God Church grow in size  
16 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual  
17 leader and place for fellowship; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Thomas is a source of  
19 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Bishop Martha J. Thomas on the occasion  
25 of her 10th anniversary as Prelate of The House Of God Church, Georgia Diocese Number  
26 One, and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Martha J. Thomas.