

House Resolution 1756

By: Representative Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Reverend Branden Jones; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, an anointed preacher, teacher, and steward, Reverend Branden Jones serves as  
3 pastor of New Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones is the middle child of Leroy Jones and Lisa Frasier; having  
5 been raised by his grandparents, Deacon Charles and Sister Sellestine Brown, Reverend  
6 Jones always carried himself with an esteemed level of maturity; and
- 7 WHEREAS, despite his young age, Reverend Jones has continued to grow in his faith,  
8 expanding his knowledge of the scripture; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he first accepted Christ into his heart at the age of 18 at his then church home,  
10 Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, under the Reverend Earl Ponder; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones is a graduate of Turner Technical Institute in Miami, Florida,  
12 where he studied animal science and acquired the ability to practice animal husbandry paired  
13 with animal veterinary and farm management; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his high school sweetheart, Reina Arline,  
15 and is the father of two remarkable daughters, Lanah and Savannah; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones's passion for music coupled with his talent and dedication to  
17 the ministry of the church resulted in him being appointed the minister of music in 2010; and
- 18 WHEREAS, recognizing that he had a deep understanding of God's word, Deacon Joseph  
19 Ellis appointed Reverend Jones as Sunday school teacher over the adult men's class in 2011;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, in May 2012, Reverend Jones was ordained as minister to the ministry of  
22 Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church and in the same month became a PHA Master  
23 Mason with the New Bethel Progressive 626 Lodge; and

24 WHEREAS, his intense yearning and excitement for the Lord and anointed preaching ignites  
25 his ministry with enthusiasm, challenging them to produce life-changing results.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend and recognize Reverend Branden Jones for his many  
28 accomplishments in his ministry and express their best wishes for his continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Branden Jones.