

House Resolution 1757

By: Representative Dukes of the 154th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop-Designate Michael Jerome Paden, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop-Designate Paden is a native Atlantan who graduated from Tuskegee
4 University in with a bachelor's degree in building construction; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2006, he started his own construction company, M.J. Paden & Company, and
6 works as an independent project manager for commercial construction businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, Bishop-Designate Paden's ecclesiastical service began in October 1984 when
8 he acknowledged his call to the ministry; after serving faithfully at Tabernacle of Faith
9 Church of God in Christ, Inc., under the leadership of his father, the late Bishop Willis
10 Paden, he founded Holy Fellowship Church of God in Christ, Inc.; and

11 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Holy Fellowship has operated a licensed day care facility,
12 as well as a Christian school for grades K-8; and

13 WHEREAS, after serving for several years as superintendent, administrative assistant, and
14 evangelistic department president under the leadership of the late bishops C. J. Hicks and
15 Jack Stephens, Bishop-Designate Paden was commissioned by God in 2003 to start Metro
16 Georgia Fellowship, a fellowship that God has blessed to grow from 11 churches at its
17 inception to its current total of 23; and

18 WHEREAS, through his anointed teaching and preaching, countless souls have been saved,
19 strengthened, and healed, with his service in ministry extending to the community; and

20 WHEREAS, by virtue of his anointed ministry and meritorious service in the body of Christ,
21 Bishop-Designate Paden was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Canon Bible
22 College and Seminary in a commencement service in May 2006; and

23 WHEREAS, he has been married 35 years to a virtuous woman of wisdom, Peggy Paden,
24 and is the father of three remarkable children, Monica Porter, Erica Covington, and Michael
25 Jr., and grandfather of four wonderful grandchildren, Ivory, Christopher, Isaiah, and Shania;
26 and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Bishop-Designate Michael Jerome Paden,
32 Sr., and express to him their most sincere wishes for continued success and happiness.

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 Bishop-Designate Michael
35 Jerome Paden, Sr.