

House Resolution 2055

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Anderson of the 92nd, Epps of the 132nd, and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Apostle Sylvia J. Toney on the occasion of her 70th birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sylvia Toney is a woman of deep and abiding faith; she received the Holy
4 Ghost in her home in 1980, and her amazing spiritual walk was begun; and

5 WHEREAS, Sylvia Toney studied theology, and her studies and teaching have taken her
6 around the world where she has shared the Good News with people of many countries,
7 including Israel, Korea, India, Japan, and Haiti; and

8 WHEREAS, she was ordained an evangelist and was appointed to assistant pastor and later
9 to the high office of senior pastor of New Life Headquarters Church in Indianapolis, Indiana;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, her commitment to helping others is further demonstrated by her active
12 membership in such organizations as the Global Women of America, the Evangelical Gospel
13 Women's Council, New Life Organization for the NAACP, the mayor's Front Porch Pastor's
14 Alliance, and the New Emmaus Bible College in Columbus, Ohio; and

15 WHEREAS, evidence of her enthusiasm for the Lord and her passionate, selfless work to win
16 souls for Christ is shown by her receipt of many recognitions and honors too numerous to
17 list; and

18 WHEREAS, Sylvia Toney was united in love and marriage to the late Bishop Willie J. Toney
19 and is blessed with two remarkable children and seven beautiful grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, she gives inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrates to her
22 family and friends are admired by all who know her; and

23 WHEREAS, she has served as a strong and encouraging leader to the church's congregation
24 through her concern for others and her motivational preaching and teaching; and

25 WHEREAS, by the example Sylvia Toney has made of her life, she makes this world a better
26 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately recognized
27 during this very special and memorable time of her life.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Apostle Sylvia J. Toney for her unselfish, dedicated, and
30 loving service to the members of her family and the citizens of her community and state;
31 congratulate her on the remarkable occasion of her 70th birthday; and extend to her their
32 most sincere best wishes for continued health 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 Apostle Sylvia J. Toney.