

House Resolution 205

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Jones of the 53rd, Stovall of the 74th, Bell of the 58th, and Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Vertical Church on the occasion of its 3rd anniversary; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Vertical Church exists to bring hope and light in the West End and Greater Vine
4 City communities of Atlanta, Georgia, and this Bible-based church was founded by Pastor
5 Damian and Zarat Boyd, graduates of the Atlanta University Center, whose divine direction
6 has allowed the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

7 WHEREAS, Vertical Church has been an integral part of these communities and consistently
8 invests its people, time, resources, and finances in building up the students of the Atlanta
9 University Center and the surrounding under-resourced communities; and

10 WHEREAS, it has made a significant impact with over 6,000 community service hours
11 logged, over 6,000 meals served to others, and over 1,200 backpacks distributed to children
12 since its founding; and

13 WHEREAS, it has inspired the LOVE. movement to encourage people to make "service a
14 verb" and is known for its annual Burgers & Backpacks event for K-12 students and their
15 families, hosted in conjunction with community organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, it is fulfilling its mission of growing followers of Jesus who impact the world
17 for God's Glory by being an integral part of the fabric of the community and lifting the
18 esteem of its citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2015, Vertical Church celebrates its 3rd anniversary with
20 homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former members, friends,
21 and community associates to celebrate; and

22 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
23 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
24 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

25 WHEREAS, members of Vertical Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord and are
26 wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; 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 its 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 the rich history of Vertical Church, commend its three
32 years of dedicated service to the Lord and the community, and extend their warmest best
33 wishes for its continued growth and success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Vertical Church.