

House Resolution 275

By: Representative Cheokas of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Jerry Akin for his spiritual leadership and musical
2 talent; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Akin is the devoted pastor of Buena Vista First United Methodist Church
4 where he has faithfully and lovingly led his congregation and inspired many to follow the
5 Lord; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Akin is not only a dynamic spiritual leader, but also a talented musician
7 who has touched the hearts of many with his songs of hope, compassion, and faith; and

8 WHEREAS, he started playing guitar at the age of 15, quickly found a calling to write music,
9 and played with the band Innocent Ivey for nearly ten years; and

10 WHEREAS, this musically gifted man of God and talented singer and songwriter recently
11 released his first collection of original songs in an effort to combine his love of music and
12 his love of his fellow man in his solo CD, *JavaBird*; and

13 WHEREAS, his CD *JavaBird* is available for purchase on iTunes or by making a donation
14 on Noisetrade, with all proceeds going to the Imagine No Malaria Mission of the United
15 Methodist Church, a charity dedicated to the eradication of this life-threatening disease
16 around the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Akin creates his own distinct sound while delivering his intensely
18 inspiring message of optimism and love; and

19 WHEREAS, according to Noisetrade, "Akin is at ease interweaving theology and his vast
20 array of secular musical influences that range from Bob Dylan to Pink Floyd. His
21 story-telling and poetic sensibilities are presented here on a pallet of both warm and bright
22 sounds, mixed and mastered with the discerning listener in mind"; and

23 WHEREAS, Pastor Akin humbly describes his creations as "songs of faith that maybe can
24 inspire people," especially those who find themselves in a "harder place"; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the impressive talents and dedication of
26 this distinguished Georgian who has helped so many through his positive example be
27 appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize Pastor Jerry Akin for his outstanding spiritual leadership
30 and musical talent, commend him on the release of his CD, *JavaBird*, created in support of
31 the Imagine No Malaria Mission, and wish him great success and happiness in his future
32 endeavors.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
35 Jerry Akin.