

House Resolution 556

By: Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Williams of the 168th, Bentley of the 139th, Dickey of the 140th, and Howard of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Pastor Raines was born on September 22, 1947, and he began his education in
5 the Upson County public school system before attending American Baptist Theological
6 Seminary, Progressive Baptist Church, Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary, Mercer
7 University, and Emmanuel Bible College; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as the production general manager of sheet metal manufacturing at
9 Warner Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia, for more than 27 years before his
10 retirement in 1993; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Pastor Raines led New Pilgrim Missionary
12 Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, for more than 30 years, and during his tenure the church
13 grew from 33 members to more than 700 members; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Pastor Raines was named president of the General Missionary Baptist
15 Convention of Georgia in 2012, which is the largest black organization of any kind in the
16 State of Georgia; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he served as pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe County,
18 Secretary of the Union Baptist and Educational Association, Chairman of the Board of
19 Adopt-A-Role Model, on the Board of Directors of Parents to Support Public Schools,
20 President of Bellevue/Hillcrest Ministerial Association, and on the Board of Trustees at
21 Wesley Glen Ministries; and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr., was united in love and marriage to Barbara, and was
23 blessed with four remarkable children, Curtis, Jr., Shun, Varina, and Bryant; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr., will long be
31 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, pastor, and
32 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr.,
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Pastor Curtis Raines, Sr.