

House Resolution 610

By: Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Brooks of the 55th, Dickey of the 140th, Randall of the 142nd, Beverly of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bethel AME Church on the occasion of its 145th anniversary;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Bethel AME Church in Powersville, Georgia, have blossomed,
5 establishing a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1870, Bethel AME Church has grown under the divine direction
7 of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, the church was burned down and rebuilt in 1958; on January 26, 2015, the old
10 sanctuary was torn down, and a new 6,000 square foot building was erected with classrooms,
11 storage facilities, a utility space, a pastor's study, a fellowship hall, a small kitchen, and
12 various other rooms; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Bethel AME Church is under the leadership of Reverend William A. Hopkins
17 and his wife Reverend Emmalyn Jordan Hopkins; there are about 75 members of the church,
18 and they have a sincere desire to serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to
19 spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize the rich history of Bethel AME Church, commend its
25 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes
26 for its continued growth and success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Reverend William A. Hopkins.