

House Resolution 658

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Frederick R. Gray; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Frederick R. Gray was born in Evergreen, Alabama, and from an early age he
3 was nurtured in the Christian faith at Mount Zion AMEZ Church; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree from Talladega College, his master's degree
5 from Atlanta University, and his master's in divinity from the Candler School of Theology
6 at Emory University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he taught mathematics at the high school and college levels for almost 17 years,
8 during which time he taught at Prairie View A&M College, Morehouse College, and Georgia
9 Perimeter College; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Frederick R. Gray entered seminary in June, 1978, and was appointed pastor
11 of King's Memorial United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, in June, 1980; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he also pastored Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Bethel United Methodist
13 Church, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church,
14 and Central United Methodist Church; and
- 15 WHEREAS, although he retired after serving in the ministry for 26 years, Reverend Gray has
16 served two churches as interim pastor during the past two years, Calvary United Methodist
17 Church and St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Reverend Frederick R. Gray held several leadership positions at the North
19 Georgia Annual Conference and was a member of the Board of Diaconal Ministry, the Board
20 of Ordained Ministry, the Urban Action Board, the Board of Directors at the United
21 Methodist Children's Home, and the Board of Directors at Aldersgate Homes; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as secretary, treasurer, and president of the North Georgia (Black)
23 Ministers' Fellowship, chair of the Clayton County Black Ministerial Alliance, president of
24 the Atlanta-College Park District Leadership Training School, and chair of the
25 Atlanta-College Park District Board of Church Development; and

26 WHEREAS, he organized many ministries and conferences that spread the Gospel and
27 inspired others to enter the ministry during his tenure as a pastor, and under his leadership,
28 the churches at which he served grew and thrived; and

29 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and is blessed with one
30 amazing daughter, Phyllis, and three wonderful granddaughters, Bree, Jae, and Zoe; and

31 WHEREAS, Reverend Frederick R. Gray has devoted his life to serving the Lord and his
32 fellow citizens, and this distinguished pastor, husband, father, and friend is well-deserving
33 of the recognition of this body.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Frederick R. Gray for his many
36 years of leadership and service and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for
37 continued health, happiness, and success.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
40 Reverend Frederick R. Gray.