

## House Resolution 683

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., on the occasion of his 30th  
2 anniversary of service in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan, the  
4 third of three children to William and Nancy Haithco; and

5 WHEREAS, he became very active in church as an acolyte, singing in the youth choir, chief  
6 usher of the youth usher board, president of the Young People's Department, president of the  
7 Explorer's Post, and a member of the Junior Steward Board which was the beginning of his  
8 lay ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from Bridgeport High School as a three-sport athlete in  
10 football, wrestling, and track, he received an academic scholarship to attend Hampton  
11 Institute, now Hampton University, in Hampton, Virginia; and while at Hampton, he became  
12 an All-Conference 400 meter hurdler on the varsity track team, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha  
13 Fraternity, Inc., a member of the Business Club, was voted Mr. Senior of his class, and  
14 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing; and

15 WHEREAS, upon graduation from Hampton Institute, he worked for a number of  
16 corporations, including Procter & Gamble, Radio Shack, Phillips Business College,  
17 University of Virginia Hospital, Crawford Long Hospital, Diverse Computer Technology,  
18 Gateway Computers, and DeKalb County School System; and

19 WHEREAS, he has also served as a consultant to the National Conference of Black Mayors  
20 and DeKalb County's Peach Program, training 1,200 families from Welfare to Work; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1984, he accepted his call to ministry at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Hampton,  
22 Virginia, and enrolled in Virginia Union University School of Theology; and

23 WHEREAS, he was appointed pastor to Marshall Chapel A.M.E. Church in Lynchburg,  
24 Virginia, in 1985, and graduated from Virginia Union in 1988 with a Master of Divinity  
25 degree; and

26 WHEREAS, while pastoring throughout Virginia, he also worked in the areas of education,  
27 banking, and health care; and in 1991, he moved to Georgia to pursue greater opportunities  
28 in ministry and has continued pastoring and working in the areas of health care, business, and  
29 education; and

30 WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2012, Reverend Haithco served as the Director of Christian  
31 Education for the Sixth Episcopal District which comprises the entire state of Georgia; and

32 WHEREAS, in May 2011, he graduated with highest honors from Turner Theological  
33 Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center in the Master of Arts in Christian  
34 Education program; and

35 WHEREAS, Reverend Haithco is currently the pastor of Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church  
36 in Atlanta, Georgia, and is also enrolled in the Doctorate of Education program in the area  
37 of Curriculum and Instruction at Argosy University, also in Atlanta, Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Brenda Young and is blessed with a  
39 remarkable son, Jai S. Haithco II; and

40 WHEREAS, it is his desire to teach on a graduate level in the area of Christian education to  
41 assist young men and women in pursuing their call to the Christian ministry.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr., on the grand  
44 occasion of his 30th pastoral anniversary and wish him many more years of health and  
45 happiness as he continues to serve his community and his Creator.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
47 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
48 Reverend Jai S. Haithco, Sr.