

## House Resolution 700

By: Representatives Anderson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Mabra of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>,  
Battles of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Pastor Marlin D. Harris as the Clergy Day Speaker for the 14th  
2 Annual Faith and Clergy Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Marlin D. Harris has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Harris was called by the Lord to preach the Gospel at the age of nine  
7 years old; through ordered steps and the divine will of God, Pastor Harris was ordained by  
8 the Presbytery of the Church of Gospel Ministry at the age of 12; and

9 WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in religion &  
10 philosophy from Clark Atlanta University and credits his success to the dedicated support  
11 of loved ones; his deceased grandmother, who instilled in him the fear and admonition of the  
12 Lord; and the anointing of a Gracious and Loving God; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Harris currently serves as the Founding Pastor of New Life Church in  
14 Decatur, Georgia; since its inception in 1995, New Life has experienced phenomenal growth,  
15 both numerically and spiritually, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit; Pastor Harris gives  
16 God the praise for the continued successes and the many challenges of his ministry; and

17 WHEREAS, over the past decades leading New Life Church, Pastor Harris has established  
18 numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and educational  
19 growth of the church and the surrounding community; through his love for the least, the lost,  
20 and the left out population of the society, Pastor Harris birthed the vision for the first  
21 full-service Community Center located in South DeKalb County; and

22 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
23 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
24 humanitarian, Pastor Harris serves as a shining example of the love of Jesus Christ; and

25 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Harris is a source of  
26 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

27 WHEREAS, Pastor Harris is happily married to his beautiful helpmate, Sister Monica Harris,  
28 who shares his love and compassion for missions and the people of God; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and honor Pastor Marlin D. Harris as the Clergy Day  
34 Speaker for the 14th Annual Faith and Clergy Day at the capitol and extend best wishes for  
35 many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor  
38 Marlin D. Harris.