

## House Resolution 1102

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Pezold of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Jesse Averett, Jr., the Pastor of St. Paul CME Church, Lone Oak;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jesse Averett, Jr., a native of Cusseta, Georgia, has been in the  
4 ministry for more than 40 years, was ordained as an elder in 1974, and was admitted into Full  
5 Connection in the former Southwest Georgia Conference, what is now the West Georgia  
6 Region, in 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Averett first became the Pastor of St. Paul CME Church in June,  
8 2012, and during his time there, he oversaw a major church renovation and the addition of  
9 an education wing, both of which were debt-free; and

10 WHEREAS, he previously served as Presiding Elder of the Cordele District for 10 years and  
11 was appointed as Presiding Elder of the North Columbus/LaGrange District in 2005, a  
12 position he held until his retirement in June, 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Averett's leadership skills within ministry organizations have  
14 included a treasury position with the former Southwest Georgia Conference as well as a  
15 treasury position for the Presiding Elder Council of the Christian Methodist Episcopal  
16 Church; and

17 WHEREAS, he loves working with children, and during the school year, he is a substitute  
18 teacher in the Muscogee County School District; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Averett is united in love and marriage to his wife of 53 years, Corene,  
20 and he has four remarkable children, eight wonderful grandchildren, and one  
21 great-grandchild; and

22 WHEREAS, he has made an indelible impact in the Columbus community and statewide;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Reverend Jesse Averett, Jr., for his unselfish and  
28 dedicated service to his community and the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Reverend Jesse Averett, Jr.