

House Resolution 1110

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Debora F. Grant, the Senior Pastor of St. John AME Church in
2 Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Debora F. Grant, born in Georgetown, South Carolina, was the
4 founding pastor of New Church Development and Victory African Methodist Episcopal
5 Church and is currently a leader in the tri-city area of Columbus; and

6 WHEREAS, she has traveled across the country and abroad as a motivational speaker,
7 meeting with and inspiring countless high school and college students; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Grant cofounded S.A.L.T. Ministries, a collaborative women's health
9 project, with her sister, Presiding Elder Rosalyn Grant Coleman of Columbia, South
10 Carolina, and her advocacy for "Healthy Living" has allowed her to bring agencies,
11 businesses, and churches together to form partnerships of greater service; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to her fruitful community outreach efforts, Reverend Grant makes
13 PowerPoints for *Daily Living*, a publication dedicated to encouraging and helping readers
14 discover the hidden power in everyday life stories; and

15 WHEREAS, she advocates for a diverse and inclusive worship environment, where all
16 people are able to feel welcomed, energized, and empowered by the church and the message;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Grant aims to keep the spirit and traditions of the African Methodist
19 Church alive so that future generations may be able to appreciate its rich history and
20 relevance in society and culture; and

21 WHEREAS, she leads her life by the principle, "only what you do for Christ will last"; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Reverend Debora F. Grant for her unselfish and
26 dedicated service to her community and the State of Georgia.

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 Debora F. Grant.