

House Resolution 1176

By: Representative Epps of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Gary Walker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Gary Walker has selflessly served in the ministry for almost 35 years;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, beginning his professional ministry on July 23, 1981, he became an Ordained
5 Bishop with the Church of God on June 16, 1986; and

6 WHEREAS, since being ordained, Pastor Walker has served churches in Ft. Meade,
7 Davenport, and Tallahassee, Florida, and Cairo, Georgia, and now serves at the Jeffersonville
8 Church of God, where he was appointed in 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, through his 3,500 sermons, 453 individuals converted, and 156 baptisms, Pastor
10 Walker has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through
11 word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs
12 of others; and

13 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Jeffersonville Church of God grow in size
14 and influence, with the addition of 135 members, uplifting the community like the light of
15 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

16 WHEREAS, he has improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the
17 surrounding community through his service as chairman of World Missions Board; co-chair
18 of Prayer Force for South Georgia; photographer for South Georgia Church of God and
19 International Church of God; chairman of Family Connections and the Juvenile Panel
20 Review Board; president of Twiggs County Leadership in Schools Committee and Twiggs
21 County Ministerial Association; Chaplain for Twiggs County Sheriff's Department and
22 Bleckley County Detention Center; organizer and leader for the Bible Reading Marathon and

23 Relay for Life; organizer and keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration;
24 and secretary and treasurer for the Twiggs County Downtown Development Authority; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Gary Walker for his numerous
30 contributions to the community and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
31 fellowship and leadership.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
34 Gary Walker.