

House Resolution 156

By: Representative Dickerson of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jerry D. Black; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Jerry D. Black accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age
3 of 12 and served as Minister of Music at the West End Baptist Church in Blytheville,
4 Arkansas; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Black was called by the Lord at the age of 21 to preach the Gospel
6 and then to lead the congregation of Greater Paradise Baptist Church in Little Rock,
7 Arkansas, as the church's pastor.

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction helped Greater Paradise Baptist Church grow in size
9 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
10 leader and place for fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Black was united in love and marriage for 32 years to the late
12 Glenda J. Harris Black, and they were blessed with four remarkable children, Tangie, Jai,
13 Erica, and Terica, and six delightful grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, the Beulah Baptist Church family of Decatur, Georgia, confirmed the divine
15 appointment of Reverend Black as their pastor in November, 1991, and he has since helped
16 to establish many programs that have improved the growth of the church and the surrounding
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Black married the former Ms. Kate Wiley in 2014, and together they
19 serve as Pastor and First Lady of the Beulah Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
21 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
22 humanitarian, Reverend Black serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

23 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Black is a source of
24 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; 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 Reverend Jerry D. Black and extend best
30 wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Reverend Jerry D. Black.