

House Resolution 358

By: Representative Kendrick of the 93<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Truth and Union Lodge #594; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Truth and Union Lodge #594 has a long and consistent record of service and  
3 it is important to recognize them for their important, positive contributions to our state and  
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Truth and Union Lodge has supported New Bethel AME Church with its  
6 monthly mobile food drive, distributing an average of 9,500 pounds of food and allowing  
7 New Bethel to become the main distributor of aid to needy individuals within the AME's 6th  
8 District; and

9 WHEREAS, this organization has supported an Atlanta Outreach program for youth known  
10 as "Let Us Make Men" which mentors and empowers at-risk youth with the tools necessary  
11 to be successful as they transition to adulthood and become young adults; and

12 WHEREAS, this organization has initiated sock and toiletry drives for and continued  
13 visitations to Life Care Center of Gwinnett, a senior living facility, organized various voter  
14 registration drives throughout the years, secured and presented donations of bookbags and  
15 school supplies to various educational institutions in Georgia, and adopted South Rockbridge  
16 Road through Gwinnett County's Adopt-A-Road program; and

17 WHEREAS, Truth and Union Lodge has worked intensively with the Children's Shelter of  
18 Gwinnett, a faith based organization committed to helping single mothers who have  
19 undergone hardships to develop the life skills necessary for becoming independent and  
20 contributing members of society, by donating computers and necessary food items to take  
21 care of the residents; and

22 WHEREAS, this remarkable organization has provided holiday turkey baskets for Norton  
23 Elementary, Snellville Middle, New Bethel AME Church Mission, and Children's Shelter of  
24 Gwinnett; and

25 WHEREAS, the lodge has begun its own mentoring program known as the Knights of  
26 Pythagoras to assist young men with all the necessary tools and resources they will need as  
27 they transition to manhood, taking the young men on field trips with other members from  
28 other lodges as well as providing one-on-one guidance; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body commend Truth and Union Lodge #594 for its tireless and  
33 persistent dedication to helping those in need, both within its own community and all over  
34 the Atlanta metro area.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Truth  
37 and Union Lodge #594.