

## House Resolution 408

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Adrian J. Chester; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Adrian J. Chester has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Chester has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger  
6 to do His will, and he openly identifies with the pity of God, is stirred by the heartbeat of  
7 God, and is called to be the uncompromised mouthpiece of God; and

8 WHEREAS, a gospel preacher, teacher, and friend to all who may grace his presence,  
9 Reverend Chester has been a modern day Isaiah, preaching God's good news to the poor,  
10 binding up the broken hearted, and proclaiming liberty to the captives; and

11 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Greater Beallwood Baptist Church in  
12 Columbus, Georgia, grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of  
13 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his career in the Christian ministry, Reverend Chester has been  
15 afforded the privilege to spread God's Word throughout the Southeastern United States, and  
16 during the summer of 2011, he was the only student from among students enrolled in ten  
17 seminaries to be selected by the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., to preach and train  
18 pastors on eight different Caribbean islands, including Trinidad and Tobago; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been affiliated with a number of civic and religious organizations,  
20 including the Mount Calvary Baptist Association, the Greater Columbus Urban League  
21 Board, Leaders of Today and Tomorrow, the Annual Black History Breakfast Committee,  
22 the City of Columbus Community Development Board, the Columbus Interdenominational

23 Ministerial Alliance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and  
24 the United Negro College Fund; and

25 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
26 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
27 humanitarian, Reverend Chester has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly  
28 reflective of divine guidance; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Adrian J. Chester for his  
34 devotion to the Lord and the spiritual direction he has given to his community.

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  
37 Reverend Adrian J. Chester.