

House Resolution 480

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Smyre of the 135th, Dickey of the 140th, Epps of the 144th, and Harden of the 148th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Willie A. Johnson on the occasion of his first
2 pastoral anniversary at Richland Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Willie A. Johnson has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Willie A. Johnson has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His
7 messenger to do His will; and

8 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2017, Reverend Willie A. Johnson will celebrate the first
9 anniversary of his call to serve as pastor of Richland Missionary Baptist Church in Fort
10 Valley, Georgia; and

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

14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
16 humanitarian, Reverend Willie A. Johnson serves as a shining example of God's righteous
17 path; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Willie A. Johnson is a
19 source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Willie A. Johnson on the
25 wonderful occasion of his first pastoral anniversary at Richland Missionary Baptist Church
26 and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

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 Willie A. Johnson.