

House Resolution 721

By: Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, Teasley of the 37th, and Thomas of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., has demonstrated his commitment to teaching
4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Lockhart was called by the Lord 39 years ago to lead the congregation
7 of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia, and has dedicated his
8 time, talents, and energy to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 52 years; and

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

12 WHEREAS, over the past 39 years leading Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church,
13 Pastor Lockhart has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved
14 the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Lockhart is a source of
19 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 Pastor Benjamin Lockhart, Jr., on the
25 grand occasion of his retirement and extend best wishes for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
28 Benjamin Lockhart, Jr.