

House Resolution 853

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Dr. Ricky Temple; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Ricky Temple was born on April 26, 1958, and this year joyously celebrates
3 his 59th birthday; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Temple was called to the body of Christ at the tender age of fourteen,
5 earning his seminary degree and master's degree in strategic leadership from Life Pacific
6 College, and later was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from the
7 International Church of the Foursquare Gospel; and
- 8 WHEREAS, with a strong passion for God's Word and people who love Jesus, Dr. Temple
9 has developed, and practices, superior ethical behaviors; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he has served as Senior Pastor of Overcoming with Faith Ministries in
11 Savannah, Georgia, since 1981, where he has helped the membership to grow from less than
12 50 celebrants to more than 3,000; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a sought-after Christian and motivational speaker in America and throughout
14 the world, Dr. Temple loves people and embraces the myriad of ethnicities found the world
15 over; and
- 16 WHEREAS, as a beloved and appreciated visionary, his goal in life is to help people in any
17 way he can, making the world a better place in which to live; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he is recognized by his peers and leaders in public service as a seasoned
19 pastoral leader and mentor, and Dr. Temple works to share his blessings helping others
20 develop their leadership skills to their fullest potential; and

21 WHEREAS, he is committed to area schools, adopting schools in the Savannah Chatham
22 County Public School System, supplying thousands of students with uniforms and supplies
23 in the annual Rock Fest event and providing assistance in securing college degrees; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Temple embraces technological communication for worshiping and
25 education and is an avid reader of many different genres, especially leadership and life skills;
26 he is a published author, translating complex subjects into easy-to-understand language,
27 primarily through his use of humor, practical insight, and his own unique "down-home"
28 wisdom; and

29 WHEREAS, he consistently works to provide comfort and assistance to those in need, in his
30 own community and beyond, personally ministering to prisoners in the Georgia penal
31 system; supporting families transitioning from New Orleans to Savannah after Hurricane
32 Katrina, and reaching out to the Westlake community in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, he is compassionate and supportive to all, whether they be members, friends,
35 or absolute strangers; and

36 WHEREAS, he is united in love with his wife Diane, and has been blessed with two children,
37 Ricky Jr., and Christina, daughter-in-law, Monica, and granddaughter, Melana; and

38 WHEREAS, he is a devout Los Angeles Lakers fan and finds great satiation in grits and
39 other Southern delicacies; and

40 WHEREAS, he is, "a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will." Acts 13:22
41 King James Version.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body commend Dr. Ricky Temple for his unselfish, dedicated, and
44 loving service to the members of his family and state; congratulate him on the remarkable
45 occasion of his 59th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health
46 and happiness.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
49 Dr. Ricky Temple.