

Senate Resolution 697

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Reginald Jackson and the African Methodist
2 Episcopal Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Reginald Jackson 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, Bishop Jackson has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger
7 to do His will; and

8 WHEREAS, he is the 132nd elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist
9 Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest independent Protestant
11 denomination founded by black people in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, it was founded in 1816 and has grown to more than 3 million members and
13 7,000 congregations; and

14 WHEREAS, the congregations of this church have compiled unparalleled records of
15 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian services which they demonstrate daily
16 through open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

17 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson's vision and direction have helped the African Methodist
18 Episcopal Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the nation like the light of Bethlehem
19 and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

20 WHEREAS, he has also dedicated his life to bringing attention to the injustices in society
21 and has won numerous awards recognizing his selfless work, including the William Ashby

22 Award by the United Way and the Martin Luther King Award by the Newark North Ward
23 Center; and

24 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Jackson is a source of
25 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize and commend the outstanding
27 accomplishments and the dynamic Christian ministry of this pious man and the African
28 Methodist Episcopal Church.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize and commend the outstanding accomplishments of Bishop Reginald Jackson and
31 the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop Reginald
34 Jackson.