

House Resolution 1608

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Archbishop Ruth W. Smith Holmes for receiving the Astute  
2 Spiritual Foundation Community Pillar Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Archbishop Ruth W. Smith Holmes has long been recognized by the citizens  
4 of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Ruth was ordained in 1991 and became the first woman to be  
7 consecrated to the office of bishop over an international association or diocese worldwide;  
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9 WHEREAS, she serves as senior pastor of the Light of the World Christian Tabernacle  
10 International, which is headquartered in Stockbridge, Georgia, and as archbishop of the Light  
11 of the World Christian Tabernacle International Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Bishop Ruth played a vital role in the organization and establishment of "The  
13 Light" ministry and was the catalyst behind the organization of the Light of the World  
14 Christian Academy; and

15 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in bringing about school desegregation of Hale County,  
16 Alabama, and has maintained involvement within her community through Adopt a Student,  
17 the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, and various other organizations, including those  
18 that promote health care awareness; and

19 WHEREAS, she is an innovator who possesses bold ideas, high energy, and a desire to help  
20 others advance the Kingdom of God; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
22 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Archbishop Ruth W. Smith Holmes for  
27 receiving the Astute Spiritual Foundation Community Pillar Award and extend their most  
28 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Archbishop Ruth W. Smith Holmes.