

House Resolution 1343

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, Frye of the 118th, Holcomb of the 81st, and Douglas of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Reverend Robert D. Finch for his installation as pastor at Billups Grove
2 Baptist Church and commending him for his years of public service and ministry in Georgia;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert D. Finch has been an active member of the Athens community
5 for many years, graduating from Cedar Shoals High School and serving as both a deacon at
6 Mt. Zion Baptist Church and as a member of the steward board and finance committee at
7 First AME Church Athens; and

8 WHEREAS, after high school, Reverend Finch went on to receive both a bachelor's degree
9 in criminal justice and a master's degree in business administration at Albany State
10 University before attending Florida Coastal School of Law, where he was a Governor's
11 Scholar; and

12 WHEREAS, while spending time in Florida, Reverend Finch once again found himself called
13 to serve in ministry, becoming a deacon at Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church in
14 Jacksonville, Florida; and

15 WHEREAS, he spent many years as a public servant in Georgia, acting as the chief of staff
16 for the Georgia Senate majority leader, serving as an aide to the Georgia Senate Judiciary
17 Committee, and offering himself as a candidate for the United States House of
18 Representative in the Georgia 12th congressional district; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Finch was previously the vice president of Piedmont Athens Medical
20 Center and is currently serving as both the vice president of the Coffee Regional Medical
21 Center and as the president of The Dean Group, a government affairs and health care
22 management firm; and

23 WHEREAS, after serving for several years as an associate pastor for the Mount Pleasant
24 Baptist Church in Athens, he will now be stepping into his new role leading Billups Grove
25 Baptist Church, where he will continue to serve and teach the word of God.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate Reverend Robert D. Finch for his installation as pastor
28 at Billups Grove Baptist Church and commend him for his years of public service and
29 ministry in Georgia.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Reverend Robert D. Finch.