

## House Resolution 20

By: Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>, Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, and Holly of the 111<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal; and
- 4 WHEREAS, affectionately known as Pastor Spence, he was the lead pastor of Global Impact  
5 Christian Ministries in Stockbridge, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Pastor Spence was a man of deep and abiding faith who was licensed and  
7 ordained at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Georgia, by Reverend Ulysses  
8 Ponder; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a transformative leader with a unique and unorthodox approach to ministry,  
10 Pastor Spence held a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Georgia  
11 Southern University, a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling from Luther Rice Seminary,  
12 and an Executive Leadership Certification from Cornell University; and

13 WHEREAS, co-author of *No Covenant No Cookie*, Pastor Spence used his desire to teach  
14 and preach the Gospel to spread messages of empowerment, encouragement, and  
15 enlightenment; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Coylitia, and was blessed with  
17 two remarkable children, Spencer II and Bethany; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to  
22 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Pastor Spence will long be remembered for his  
23 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
24 fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal  
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal.