

House Resolution 256

By: Representative Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the accomplishments of Pastor Henry Louis Tanner; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Henry Louis Tanner was born on August 7, 1952, in Washington
3 County, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the civil rights movement that took place in Washington
5 County, Georgia, during the 1960s; and

6 WHEREAS, he walked and worked tirelessly side-by-side with the likes of Richard Turner,
7 P.L. Braswell, Israel Maze, Bobby Darden, Annie Ruth Darden Gilbert, Mary Wadley, and
8 many others; and

9 WHEREAS, he bore the burden of the cross to fight for social change and equal rights for
10 poor Black people and poor White people in Washington County; and

11 WHEREAS, he witnessed first-hand the hatred of the Klu Klux Klan (KKK) toward Black
12 Americans and toward himself, family members, and friends of the movement, who were
13 tormented by racists as they were run over with cars. In addition, he, along with others, were

14 targets of gun shootings and unjustified beatings for peacefully protesting for equal rights;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, he has served as the pastor of several churches, including Mt. Olive Baptist
17 Church, St. Galilee Baptist Church, and many others before going back to where his journey
18 first began at Highland Park Church; and

19 WHEREAS, he continues his fight for freedom for all people by spreading the gospel of
20 Jesus Christ.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body hereby honor Pastor Henry Louis Tanner during Black History
23 Month for his contributions to the civil rights movement and extend best wishes for future
24 happiness.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
27 Henry Louis Tanner.