

## House Resolution 125

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, and Metze of the 55<sup>th</sup>

## 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 over 3 million members and 7,000  
13 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 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this pious man and the African  
28 Methodist Episcopal Church.

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

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