

House Resolution 187

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Buckner of the 137th, Rice of the 139th, and Smith of the 138th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Corey J. Neal on the occasion of his 17th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Corey J. Neal answered the call to ministry at the age of 27 after a
4 transformative series of hardships led him to relinquish his personal plans and embrace God's
5 purpose, committing himself to preaching and serving in Columbus, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Corey J. Neal was called by the Lord 17 years ago to lead the
7 congregation of Greater Peace Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to becoming the church's senior pastor, he faithfully served as director of
9 Christian education, youth pastor, and assistant pastor under the leadership of his
10 grandfather, Reverend E. L. Sullivan; and

11 WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure, Reverend Corey J. Neal has established
12 numerous programs and workshops, including those focused on health, finances, and
13 employment, that have improved the spiritual growth and well-being of the church and the
14 surrounding community; and

15 WHEREAS, he further serves as the vice-president-at-large of the General Missionary
16 Baptist Convention of Georgia and is a certified instructor for the local, state, and national
17 Congress of Christian Education; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., the Kappa Alpha Psi
19 Columbus Alumni Chapter, the Columbus Georgia Family Connection Coalition, and the 100
20 Black Men of America; and

21 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
22 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
23 humanitarian, Reverend Corey J. Neal has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment
24 truly reflective of divine guidance; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
26 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious man.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Corey J. Neal on the wonderful
29 occasion of his 17th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of
30 successful fellowship and leadership.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
33 Reverend Corey J. Neal.