

House Resolution 478

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th and Cooper of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Art Wilder upon the occasion of his retirement; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Art Wilder has long demonstrated an unwavering commitment to
4 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, he has devoted four decades to answering God's call, serving in ministry with
7 faithfulness and dedication, including 38 years as the minister over pastoral care at Johnson
8 Ferry Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Reverend Wilder served
10 in numerous capacities, including as pastor over discipleship, missions, singles, and senior
11 adults; and

12 WHEREAS, his background in engineering helped him develop effective systems and equip
13 others to provide compassionate spiritual care, ensuring that the church remained personally
14 connected with its members, especially during times of illness, crisis, and loss; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Wilder's wisdom and kindness have been a source of comfort and
16 guidance for countless individuals over the years, offering strength, encouragement, and care
17 to those in need; and

18 WHEREAS, he has touched the lives of many through his steadfast leadership, his ability to
19 uplift and inspire others in their faith, and his unwavering commitment to the ministry of
20 Christ; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
22 of this devoted and pious man as he retires from full-time ministry, leaving a lasting legacy
23 of faith, service, and love.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Art Wilder upon the grand
26 occasion of his retirement, express gratitude for his 40 years of ministry, and extend best
27 wishes for future health and happiness.

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
30 Reverend Art Wilder.