

House Resolution 588

By: Representatives Reese of the 140th and Hugley of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Valerie A. Thompson on the occasion of her 20th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Valerie A. Thompson has demonstrated her commitment to teaching
4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2004, she answered the Lord's call and followed in the footsteps of her father,
7 Reverend Rudolph C. Allen Sr., becoming the pastor of Revelation Missionary Baptist
8 Church; and

9 WHEREAS, by inheriting her father's pulpit, Reverend Valerie A. Thompson became the
10 only female senior pastor in the denomination of Columbus among all local Baptist
11 congregations; and

12 WHEREAS, she has since blessed the body of Christ by preaching at many churches as well
13 as speaking at women's conferences, workshops, and organizations across Georgia and
14 Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, she was the first woman in 150 years to be appointed to the Executive Board
16 of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia and was recently appointed as the
17 first woman to the Executive Committee of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.; and

18 WHEREAS, her vision and direction have helped Revelation Missionary Baptist Church
19 grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving
20 as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; 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 Valerie A. Thompson has shown the energy, devotion, and
24 commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
26 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for her innumerable good works rendered
27 on behalf of persons in need.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Valerie A. Thompson on the
30 wonderful occasion of her 20th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more
31 years of successful fellowship and leadership.

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 Reverend Valerie A. Thompson.