

House Resolution 1558

By: Representative Moore of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop Leroy Barnes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Bishop Leroy Barnes; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop Barnes accepted his calling into the
5 ministry in 1979; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1989, he became Pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia,
7 where he would faithfully serve as Senior Pastor for 45 years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Henrietta, and was blessed with
9 four remarkable children, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, and
10 great grandchildren; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
12 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
13 family and friends were admired by others; and

14 WHEREAS, alongside his pastoral work, Bishop Barnes built a distinguished career in the
15 automotive manufacturing industry, retiring from Ford Motor Company after 30 years of
16 exemplary service; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bishop Barnes will long be remembered
21 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
22 fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop Leroy Barnes and
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Bishop Leroy Barnes.