

House Resolution 1641

By: Representative Jones of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union upon 141 years of service to the
2 Baptist churches and community; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union have blossomed,
5 establishing a rich tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized 141 years ago, the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union has
7 grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of
8 God to spread throughout the community; and

9 WHEREAS, in the City of Atlanta, some of those leaders helped to organize a meeting of
10 Baptist preachers known today as the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union Inc.;
11 regretfully, records that explicitly convey some of the history of the union were destroyed
12 in the Great Fire of 1917; and

13 WHEREAS, some of the leaders who served in the Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union were
14 Rev. Frank Quarles, Friendship Baptist Church; Rev. W.M. Tillman, Wheat Street Baptist
15 Church; Rev. Dr. E.J. Fisher, Mount Olive Baptist; Rev. J.A. Hopkins, business man on

16 Auburn Avenue; Rev. Peter James Bryant, Wheat Street; Rev. D.D. Crawford, who was
17 inspired to build the Baptist Headquarters; Dr. E.R. Carter, Friendship; and others—among
18 the men who have served as president of the union are the reverends Frank Paschal, A.D.
19 Williams, E.P. Johnson, J.T. Dorsey, M.L. King Sr., B.J. Johnson Sr., D.A. Dixon, L.A.
20 Pinkston, W.W. Weatherspool, H.M. Smith, M.L. Raglan, C.M. Wagner, H.W. Creecy, Rev.
21 T.W. Hobbs, Frank Norwood, Moses Lee, H.J. Taylor, E.J. Jester, H.K. Benton, Anthony
22 Motley, Paul Harvey, E.L. Jones, R.B. Sutton, J. Sherman Pelt, Casey Holmes, J. Edward
23 Wilkins, R.L. Hill, James H. Pullin, A. Horton, Johnny Johnson, Stanley Smith, R.L. White,
24 and Craig White; and

25 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union continues to progress under
26 the leadership of its new president, the Rev. Jarius Dorsey; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize the rich history of the Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist
32 Ministers Union, commend its 141 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community,
33 and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued growth and success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 Metropolitan Atlanta Baptist Ministers Union.