

House Resolution 1723

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th, Smith of the 138th, and Rice of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Raymond Cochran upon his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Raymond Cochran has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Lee County, Alabama, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior at age
7 seven and joined the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Salem, Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Cochran has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger
9 to do His will; and

10 WHEREAS, he was the previous Pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church of Roanoke, Alabama;
11 Rising Grove Baptist Church of LaGrange, Georgia; Springhill Missionary Baptist Church
12 of Lineville, Alabama; Mt. Lovely Baptist Church of Camphill, Alabama; Friendship Baptist
13 Church of Fairfax, Alabama; Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Salem, Alabama;
14 Poplar Springs Baptist Church of Lafayette, Alabama; and is presently the Pastor of the

15 Franchise Missionary Baptist Church of Phenix City, Alabama, where he has served for 54
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously served his community on many civic
18 committees and boards as well as served in leadership positions at numerous influential
19 organizations and associations; and

20 WHEREAS, his dedicated work has earned him many prestigious awards and recognitions,
21 including but not limited to, being named the 2018 Citizen of the Year as well as one of 85
22 Most Influential Black Americans in Columbus and Phenix City area and having 10th
23 Avenue officially dedicated in his honor; and

24 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Cochran is a source of
25 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

26 WHEREAS, Pastor Cochran has served with honor and distinction and his vision and
27 unyielding commitment will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Raymond Cochran upon the
30 occasion of his retirement and extend best wishes for his continued health and happiness.

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 Pastor
33 Raymond Cochran.