

House Resolution 2004

By: Representatives Clark of the 108<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Beckles of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Adeyina of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Okoye of the 102<sup>nd</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes and celebrating his  
2 retirement on April 11, 2026; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Haynes has long been recognized by members of the community and  
4 congregation for having outstanding leadership, unwavering faith, and dedicated service to  
5 the ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Haynes has faithfully served as a pastor of Salem Missionary Baptist  
7 Church, located in Lilburn, Gwinnett County, Georgia, for 38 years; and

8 WHEREAS, a place of rest, refuge, and worship, Salem Missionary Baptist Church is  
9 recognized as one of the oldest and largest African American congregations in Gwinnett  
10 County; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Reverend Haynes led numerous impactful initiatives,  
12 including growing Salem Missionary Baptist from fewer than 100 members to now having  
13 over 4,500 members, with 40 Associates Ministers, and equally as many auxiliaries; and

14 WHEREAS, in creating the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, School of Ministry, Reverend  
15 Haynes developed curriculum designed to firmly set individuals on a lifelong journey to  
16 serve the Kingdom of God; and

17 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Salem Missionary Baptist became a pillar in the  
18 community, fostering spiritual growth, community engagement, and service; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Haynes has provided guidance, counseling, and support to countless  
20 individuals and families, strengthening both the congregation and the broader community  
21 throughout Lilburn, Gwinnett County, Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, his legacy of faith, leadership, and service has left an indelible mark on the lives  
23 of many and will continue to inspire generations to come; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 distinguished Georgia be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body commend Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes for giving the city of  
28 Lilburn 38 years of faithful and dedicated service and extend their sincerest congratulations  
29 upon the occasion of his retirement.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes.