

## House Resolution 756

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 128<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and Williams of the 87<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Gordon A. Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Gordon A. Thomas has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas was called by the Lord 37 years ago to lead the congregation  
6 of Ross Grove Missionary Baptist Church as the church's pastor; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Ross Grove Missionary Baptist Church  
8 grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving  
9 as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
- 10 WHEREAS, over the past several decades leading Ross Grove Missionary Baptist Church,  
11 Reverend Thomas has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved  
12 the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and
- 13 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
14 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
15 humanitarian, Reverend Thomas has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly  
16 reflective of divine guidance; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
18 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as further evidenced  
19 by his superlative service with the NAACP, the Richmond County Board of Equalization,  
20 the Spirit of Harmony Gospel group, and United Way, Inc., and as the founder of South  
21 Augusta Outreach Ministry and Parent of Drug Addicted Children (PODAC); and

22 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Thomas is a source of  
23 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life, and it is abundantly fitting and proper  
24 that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love be recognized for his  
25 innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Gordon A. Thomas for his  
28 unparalleled record of community service and extend best wishes for many more years of  
29 successful fellowship and leadership.

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 Gordon A. Thomas.