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House Resolution 1503

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154th, Hopson of the 153rd, and Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Victor L. Powell on the occasion of his 30th
- 2 anniversary leading Rhema Word Cathedral; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Bishop Victor L. Powell 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, Bishop Powell was called by the Lord 30 years ago to lead the congregation of
- 7 Rhema Word Cathedral in Albany, Georgia, as its senior leader; and
- 8 WHEREAS, over the past three decades leading Rhema Word Cathedral, Bishop Powell has
- 9 established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
- 10 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and
- 11 WHEREAS, not only does Bishop Powell have a lengthy background in pulpit ministry, he
- 12 also has extensive experience in law enforcement, including years of service in the criminal
- 13 justice system, where he was a sergeant at the Georgia Probation Center and the first trainer
- 14 at Autry State Prison; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has served people across the United States as well as in Central America,
- 16 Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America through the ministry of the Gospel and
- 17 delivering tangible goods and services such as medical supplies and clinical services,
- building educational facilities, digging wells for clean water sources, disaster relief, and
- 19 providing food and financial support; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in honor of his hard work and diligence as a world citizen, Bishop Powell was
- 21 recognized by the Georgia House of Representatives and honored through an official
- 22 resolution by the United States Congress. He also received an official proclamation from the

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23 Albany mayor's office and was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award;

- 24 and
- 25 WHEREAS, this devout and pious man has received an honorary doctorate in theology,
- 26 earned a bachelor's degree in biblical studies, and has training as a life coach and a mediator;
- 27 and
- 28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
- 29 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
- 30 on behalf of persons in need.
- 31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 32 the members of this body recognize and commend Bishop Victor L. Powell on the wonderful
- 33 occasion of his 30th anniversary leading Rhema Word Cathedral and extend best wishes for
- 34 many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.
- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
- 37 Bishop Victor L. Powell.