

House Resolution 1611

By: Representative Ealum of the 153rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Lawrence C. Knighton; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Lawrence C. Knighton 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, Pastor Knighton has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His messenger
6 to do His will; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped St. James Baptist Church grow in size and
8 influence, uplifting the community of Baconton, Georgia, like the light of Bethlehem and
9 serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Pastor Knighton has established numerous programs and workshops which have
11 improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community,
12 such as food drives, car giveaways, events in the park, ball games, back to school supply
13 giveaways, school scholarships, and more; and
- 14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
16 humanitarian, Pastor Knighton serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Knighton is a source of
18 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life, further exemplified by his unwavering
19 ministry at Autry State Prison and Lee State Prison; and
- 20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
21 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
22 on behalf of persons in need.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Pastor Lawrence C. Knighton and extend
25 best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor
28 Lawrence C. Knighton.