

House Resolution 1824

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Metze of the 55th, Williams of the 168th, Bruce of the 61st, Carter of the 92nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander has been a gospel preacher for 55
4 years and pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North for the last 40 years, a modern-day
5 Isaiah preaching good news to the poor, binding up the broken hearted, and proclaiming
6 liberty to the captives; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander was a "Grady baby," born and raised in Summerhill, and
8 at the tender age of six, he moved with his parents to northwest Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College, a Master of
10 Divinity degree from the Morehouse School of Religion, and Doctor of Divinity degrees
11 from the United Theological Seminary (Louisiana) and the Morehouse School of Religion;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, during his amazing tenure at Antioch, which began in 1969 and spans eight
14 United States presidents, this gifted pastor and expert administrator has made the inner city
15 church a light in a darkness and a hospital for the hopeless, dispensing the balm of Gilead to
16 a people rebuked and scorned and locked out and let down; and

17 WHEREAS, an activist at heart, he helped lead a bus boycott that integrated the Bibb County
18 transit system during his pastorate in Macon, and while pastoring in Savannah, he formed a
19 partnership with C & S Bank president, Mills B. Lane, to improve 109 blocks of real estate
20 in Savannah; and

21 WHEREAS, for 29 years, he served as president of the General Missionary Baptist
22 Convention of Georgia, Inc., which claims a membership of over 800 churches, and he is a
23 lifetime member of the NAACP and SCLC; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander's influence extends well beyond the pulpit, and in the past
25 two years, he has been inducted into the Atlanta Business League's Legends Hall of Fame
26 and the International Civil Rights Hall of Fame located at the Martin Luther King, Jr.,
27 National Historic Site; and

28 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage for 55 years to his beautiful wife,
29 Barbara, and is blessed with four outstanding children, nine wonderful grandchildren, and
30 two remarkable great-grandchildren; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison
35 Alexander and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
36 leadership.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
39 Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander.