

House Resolution 1929

By: Representatives Anderson of the 92nd, Kendrick of the 93rd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bennett of the 94th, and Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor James C. Ward on the occasion of his 19th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Pastor James C. Ward 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, Pastor Ward was called by the Lord 19 years ago to lead the congregation of
7 Antioch-Lithonia; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Antioch-Lithonia grow in size and
9 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
10 leader and place for fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past two decades leading Antioch-Lithonia, Pastor Ward has
12 established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
13 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

14 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Antioch-Lithonia has purchased 23 acres of land and
15 completed a \$6.2 million edifice; and

16 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
17 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
18 humanitarian, Pastor Ward serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

19 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Idell Clark Ward and has been blessed with
20 three remarkable children and 11 delightful grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Ward is a source of
22 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
25 on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body congratulate Pastor James C. Ward on the wonderful occasion of
28 his 19th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
29 fellowship and leadership.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor James C. Ward.