

House Resolution 258

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Thomas of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop James H. Morton and his lifelong commitment and
2 dedication to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, feeding and clothing the homeless, and
3 being a fierce advocate for democracy within his beloved community; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton founded the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist
5 Church located at 923 Valley Brook Road in Decatur, Georgia, in August 1993; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton was born as the fourth of nine children on May 8,
7 1946, in Windsor Ontario, Canada, to the late Bishop C.L. Morton Sr. and the late Evangelist
8 Matilda E. Morton; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton gained admission into Heaven on Saturday, February
10 11, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton was the Minister of Music under his father's ministry
12 as well as an accomplished and renowned musician and singer; and

13 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton was consecrated as a bishop in the Full Gospel Baptist
14 Church Fellowship in August 1994; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton served on the Bishop's Council in the Full Gospel
16 Baptist Church Fellowship; and

17 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton recorded his first CD album titled "With My Whole
18 Heart" alongside the New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church Mass Choir, which changed
19 and blessed many lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ for more than 55
21 years and pastored for more than 40 years.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life, legacy, and memory of Bishop James H.
24 Morton in addition to his lifelong commitment and dedication to preaching the Gospel,
25 saving souls, and serving the community as well as express their deepest and most sincere
26 regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Bishop James H. Morton.