

## House Resolution 182

By: Representatives Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>, Sims of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 125<sup>th</sup>, and Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bishop Rosa L. Williams on the occasion of her 40th pastoral anniversary; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Rosa L. Williams was born in Charleston, South Carolina, and comes  
4 from a large family of 11 sisters and brothers; and

5 WHEREAS, she was married to the late SFC Leroy Williams, Sr., and is the mother of five  
6 children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

7 WHEREAS, she was called into the ministry in 1969; in May of 1970, she preached her  
8 initial sermon, and in September of 1974, she became an ordained minister at Canaan  
9 Missionary Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, a Master of  
11 Education, and a Doctor of Divinity and is also a 2005 graduate of Beacon University; and

12 WHEREAS, she retired from the Richmond County Board of Education after 21 years of  
13 service; and

14 WHEREAS, she served as acting pastor of Everfaithful Missionary Baptist Church from  
15 October, 1975, until October, 1976, and was publicly installed as pastor in January, 1977;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, on May 7, 2005, she was ordained as a bishop by Bishop L.D. Skinner,  
18 Overseer of Explosion Ministries, Columbus, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams is a past vice president of the Augusta Baptist Ministers  
20 Conference and currently serves in the position of third vice president of the New Era Baptist  
21 Convention; and

22 WHEREAS, she has served numerous times as chaplain of the day for the City of Augusta.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body commend Bishop Rosa L. Williams on the occasion of her 40th  
25 pastoral anniversary.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop  
28 Rosa L. Williams.