

## House Resolution 251

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136<sup>th</sup> and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks has demonstrated her commitment to  
3 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson-Sparks has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His  
6 messenger to do His will; and
- 7 WHEREAS, her vision and direction have helped Mt. Commadore AME Church of Midland,  
8 Georgia, and Davis Chapel AME Church of Georgetown, Georgia, grow in size and  
9 influence, uplifting communities like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader;  
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, over the several years she has spent as a Local Elder, Reverend Jackson-Sparks  
12 has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and  
13 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; 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, Reverend Jackson-Sparks has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment  
17 truly reflective of divine guidance; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Dr. Betty  
19 Jackson-Sparks is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; 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 her 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 Reverend Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks on  
25 the wonderful occasion of her being recognized with the Pastors' Ecumenical Award and  
26 extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

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 Reverend Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks.