

## House Resolution 455

By: Representatives Jones of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Carter of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Shannon of the 84<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant and his appointment as senior pastor of  
2 New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant is a civil rights activist and community  
4 organizer who served as the national youth and college director of the NAACP for six years  
5 and helped mobilize more than 70,000 youth world wide in nonviolent campaigns; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant is a third-generation minister and founding pastor of Empowerment  
7 Temple AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland, acclaimed as the fastest-growing African  
8 Methodist Episcopal church in the denomination's 200 year history; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant has used his undeniable gift to bridge generations from the civil  
10 rights movement to the Black Lives Matter era and incites change in the faith community;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant's ability to reach across social, economic, and political barriers has  
13 helped people to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ and activate success in their everyday  
14 lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant's ministry has become an incubator for entrepreneurs, homeowners,  
16 and the like; and

17 WHEREAS, programs under Dr. Bryant's guidance have aimed to spread the Gospel,  
18 develop strong leaders, empower the economically disadvantaged, and challenge social  
19 injustices; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant was appointed the Senior Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist  
21 Church in Lithonia, Georgia, in December, 2018; and

22 WHEREAS, since Dr. Bryant's appointment, his leadership efforts have already begun to  
23 strengthen the multigenerational bond among members, expand community outreach,  
24 cultivate families, and expand the church's cultural significance; and

25 WHEREAS, the official installation of Dr. Jamal H. Bryant as Senior Pastor of New Birth  
26 Missionary Baptist Church happens on Sunday, March 10, 2019; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to express gratitude for the extraordinary and often  
28 unheralded contributions of community leaders.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body commend the dedication exhibited by Reverend Dr.  
31 Jamal-Harrison Bryant, express their utmost appreciation for his selfless service as a leader,  
32 and wish him great success in his new role as Senior Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist  
33 Church.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
36 Reverend Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant.