

House Resolution 724

By: Representatives Howard of the 129th, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 168th, Prince of the 132nd, and Gladney of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin upon his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin has demonstrated his commitment to teaching
4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin was called by the Lord in April 1986 to lead
7 the congregation of Antioch Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin has spent a lifetime answering God's call to
9 be His messenger to do His will; and

10 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Antioch Baptist Church grow in size and
11 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
12 leader and place for fellowship; and

13 WHEREAS, over the past three decades leading Antioch Baptist Church, Reverend Dr.
14 Kenneth B. Martin has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved
15 the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; 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, Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin serves as a shining example of God's
19 righteous path and has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly reflective of
20 divine guidance; and

21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin
22 is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin upon the
28 grand occasion of his retirement and extend best wishes for many more years of health and
29 happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Martin.