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House Resolution

A resolution honoring Bishop John Hurst Adams.

WHEREAS, Bishop John Hurst Adams, born in Columbia, South Carolina, the son of the Reverend and Mrs. E. A. Adams, was educated in the public schools of Columbia before earning a bachelor of arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina and his clerical degrees from Boston University School of Theology, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Adams is the Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Resident Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, a district comprised of the state of Florida and the island nation of the Bahamas, and

WHEREAS, since 1950, Bishop Adams has pastored churches on both the East and West Coasts and from North to South and, since his elevation to Bishop in 1972, has served five districts in that capacity, establishing new congregations, initiating new programs, and shepherding many ministries, all the while distinguishing himself in other areas of service, as exemplified by his position as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Adams has received numerous honors for his humanitarian and civic contributions; has well served his Lord and his Church; and, with his wife, Dr. Dolly Desselle Adams, has reared three fine daughters, who have in turn have enriched the family through their gifts of seven delightful grandchildren, and

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29 WHEREAS, after more than a half century of dedicated
30 service, Bishop John Hurst Adams is leaving the Eleventh
31 Episcopal District and the active service of the Episcopacy,
32 NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
35 Florida:

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37 That the House of Representatives commends Senior Bishop
38 John Hurst Adams for a lifetime of dedicated service and wishes
39 him much satisfaction and success in his future endeavors.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
41 presented to the Reverend John Hurst Adams, Senior Bishop of the
42 Eleventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal
43 Church, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.