

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 813

Honoring Reverend John Deron Johnson, pastor of Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California, for his long history of work, commitment, and love for the Church and the South Los Angeles community, and extending the appreciation of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the Anniversary Celebration held in his honor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2006

Ms. WATERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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Whereas Rev. John Deron Johnson is a native of Mobile, Alabama, and has been in the ministry since April 24, 1986;

Whereas Rev. Johnson began his preaching career at Taylor Chapel, C.M.E. Church in Prichard, Alabama;

Whereas Rev. Johnson has an extensive pastoral career that includes Hopewell C.M.E. Church, Pineapple, Alabama; Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church, Century, Florida; Carter Temple C.M.E. Church (as Assistant Pastor to Rev. Henry Williamson, Sr.), Chicago, Illinois; St. Luke C.M.E. Church, Champaign, Illinois; and Scruggs Memorial C.M.E. Church, St. Louis, Missouri;

Whereas in August 2002, Rev. Johnson became the pastor of Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, California;

Whereas Rev. Johnson graduated from the Mobile County Public School system in Alabama and earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in psychology from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama;

Whereas Rev. Johnson received a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University;

Whereas Rev. Johnson served on the board of trustees, and was a member, of the National Association of Black Seminarians during his tenure at Garrett-Evangelical;

Whereas at Carter Temple, Rev. Johnson was involved in a special ministry to the youth in the community called Project Image, which was designed to provide positive role models for young African-American men;

Whereas Rev. Johnson continued his youth ministry while in Champaign, Illinois, where he also developed a strong Men and Women's Group ministry;

Whereas Rev. Johnson led a very successful youth ministry at Scruggs Memorial C.M.E. Church, for which he received a grant to provide child abuse awareness education in selected St. Louis public schools, and this program

continued by providing individual and family counseling to abused and neglected children in the East St. Louis area;

Whereas in St. Louis, Rev. Johnson served in the community on various boards and auxiliaries, further exemplifying his commitment to the community;

Whereas at Phillips Temple C.M.E. Church, Rev. Johnson is an active leader in the feeding ministry, which distributes food to 300 families each week, the “English as a Second Language” program, and the “Sober Living Counseling” program;

Whereas Rev. Johnson recently organized the Palmdale/Antelope Valley Mission and was recently elected to the Central Alameda Neighborhood Council Stakeholder-Faith Based Institution/Organization;

Whereas Rev. Johnson has a wife, Mrs. Kimberly Calvert-Johnson, and a son, Ryan; and

Whereas Rev. Johnson is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a historic Greek letter organization noted for outstanding community service, and has received the “Outstanding Young Men of America” award: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors Reverend John Deron Johnson, pas-
3 tor of Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal
4 Church in Los Angeles, California, for his long his-
5 tory of hard work;

1 (2) recognizes the love and commitment that he
2 has shown the Church and the South Los Angeles
3 community; and

4 (3) extends its appreciation to him on the occa-
5 sion of the Anniversary Celebration held in his
6 honor.

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