

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Bishop Charles Henry Milton  
Mason Gordon

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Bishop  
3 Charles Henry Milton Mason Gordon.

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Charles Henry Milton Mason Gordon was born on July 9, 1938,  
5 and was the fourth of seven children of Bishop W.K. Gordon, Sr., and Alma Richardson  
6 Gordon; he attended school in Tangipahoa Parish and graduated from Westside High School  
7 in Amite, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Bishop Gordon met the love of his life, Miss Wardine Mabry, while  
9 traveling on a bus to New Orleans to attend the Church of God in Christ State Sunshine Band  
10 meeting; he went on to share more than sixty-five years of loving marriage with her, and  
11 their union was blessed with four daughters; and

12 WHEREAS, Bishop Gordon began his gospel ministry in 1965, serving under the  
13 leadership of his father at Richardson Chapel Church of God in Christ in Baton Rouge; as  
14 a young minister, he enthusiastically worked to inspire the Scotlandville and Southern  
15 University communities and focused his early ministry on reaching young black men; and

16 WHEREAS, after realizing that an improved academic portfolio would be a valuable  
17 asset to his ministry, Bishop Gordon returned to college and earned a bachelor's degree in  
18 1975; he then accepted a teaching position in the Tangipahoa Parish School System, and in  
19 1980, he was appointed pastor of Richardson Chapel Church of God in Christ continuing his  
20 father's work in growing the church; and

1           WHEREAS, under the leadership of Bishop Gordon, the church experienced  
2 substantial growth; he introduced innovative and enterprising ideas aimed at elevating the  
3 church ministry and extending the reach of its message in the community; in 1986, he  
4 secured approval for the construction of a new church edifice that represented a new  
5 beginning for the Richardson Chapel Church family; and

6           WHEREAS, Bishop Gordon was appointed by the late Bishop James Earl Gordon  
7 to serve as the district superintendent of District No. 4 East Progressive in 1987; he faithfully  
8 served the district in this capacity for twenty-eight years and created countless opportunities  
9 to share the Gospel across the country and even overseas; and

10           WHEREAS, among his many roles, Bishop Gordon served as pastor of Lazard  
11 Temple Church of God in Christ in Greensburg, Louisiana, and First Church of God in  
12 Christ in Denham Springs, Louisiana; while under Bishop James Earl Gordon's  
13 administration, he served as the Amite-Baton Rouge area coordinator, chairman of the  
14 ordination board, state master of ceremonies, superintendent of buildings and grounds for  
15 the jurisdictional headquarters, and manager of Lighthouse Bookstore; he also brought unity  
16 and strength to the Louisiana East First Jurisdiction and assisted a successful campaign to  
17 acquire a multi-million-dollar, thirty-acre property which now houses the Louisiana East  
18 First Jurisdictional Headquarters at Saintsville; and

19           WHEREAS, Bishop Gordon was chosen by Bishop Alphonso Denson, Sr., to serve  
20 as the first administrative assistant to the bishop of Louisiana East First Jurisdiction in May  
21 2015; two years later, he was appointed as auxiliary bishop in the Church of God in Christ,  
22 Inc.; and

23           WHEREAS, Bishop Charles Henry Milton Mason Gordon leaves to cherish his  
24 memory his wife, Mother Wardine Mabry Gordon; daughters, Cheryl Denise Gordon, Debra  
25 Remonia Taylor, and her husband Frederick, Alma Marie Bamberg, and her husband Edwin,  
26 and Ursula Gordon-Higginbotham; grandchildren, Keesha Gordon, Gordon Taylor, and his  
27 wife Jessica, A'drianna Agbaraqwe, and her husband Jeffrey, James Pierre, Ericka Taylor,  
28 Joshua Taylor, and Charleston Higginbotham, and his wife Ashley; great-grandchildren,  
29 Peace Warrior Jones, Adaora Deannie Agbaraqwe, Zionne Grace Higginbotham, Love  
30 Indigo Jones, Amara Dea Agbaraqwe, and Reign Joy Higginbotham; sister-in-love, Joyce

1 Dunn; "bonus" son, Nephew Robert Elton Gordon, and his wife Sharonda; sisters-in-law,  
2 Shirley Gordon, Mary E. Mabry, Shirley Mabry, Patricia Singleton, and Glynis Gordon;  
3 brothers-in-law, Willie E. Mabry and Eddie James Mabry; and a host of nieces, nephews,  
4 extended relatives and friends; he will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and  
5 devotion to his faith community will live on forever.

6       THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
7 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Bishop  
8 Charles Henry Milton Mason Gordon and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his  
9 family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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