

Senate Resolution 653

By: Senator Jackson of the 50th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Noting the distinctive and historic 180th anniversary of *The Christian Index*; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, *The Christian Index* serves as the official newspaper and source of inspiration  
4 for Georgia Baptists; and

5 WHEREAS, *The Christian Index* seeks to celebrate Baptists' common heritage, maintain  
6 their sense of community, and expand their cooperative ministry; and

7 WHEREAS, it was founded by Luther Rice on February 2, 1822, as originally called *The*  
8 *Columbian Star* to support early missions and promote the newly established Columbian  
9 College, now George Washington University; and

10 WHEREAS, the newspaper moved its headquarters to Georgia in 1833 to the historic Druid  
11 Hills community in Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. William T. Neal III is the distinguished editor who oversees a circulation  
13 of 60,000; and

14 WHEREAS, its present day content features state and national news, features about Christian  
15 ministries and programs, editorials, teaching aids, and Christian arts and entertainment; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout its publishing history, the newspaper has remained firm to its  
17 original purpose of spreading the cause of Christ and Christians.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 recognize *The Christian Index* on the occasion of its 180th anniversary and commend it for  
20 its many years of steadfast service.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. William T. Neal.