

Senate Resolution 845

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, has a long and
3 proud history as a church congregation that ministers to its members and their families and
4 that reaches out to serve the community in which it thrives; and

5 WHEREAS, this great church was organized on August 30, 1914, by its esteemed founders,
6 Reverend W. H. Prince and Deacon Evan Eady; and the church officers were Deacon E.
7 Eady, Secretary; Brother Joe Wolfolk, Treasurer; and Brother Vern Edison, Trustee; and

8 WHEREAS, the early years of the church demanded considerable effort on the part of its
9 members due to the economic hardship of the times and the leadership provided by its
10 ministers was often short-lived due to the death of many fine pastors; and

11 WHEREAS, funds to build a church were first dedicated on February 11, 1950, and the
12 present church was built on Bowden Street and dedication services were held the week of
13 May 11, 1963; and

14 WHEREAS, on February 9, 1963, Rev. R. L. Lee became the church pastor and the
15 congregation grew substantially in membership and held a mortgage burning ceremony on
16 January 17, 1971; and

17 WHEREAS, in the years that followed, property adjoining the church was purchased to
18 strengthen its programs and fellowship; and on February 4, 1986, Rev. Ralph Ronald Boston
19 became the youngest pastor in the history of the church and many new members joined the
20 church under his leadership; and

21 WHEREAS, on July 7, 1996, Rev. Alphonso C. Piper was installed as the church pastor and
22 this dynamic preacher and teacher established New Life Ministries, The Brotherhood, and

1 Women of Faith Ministries; and he reactivated the male chorus and continually renews the
2 faith of this evangelical church; and

3 WHEREAS, the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church completely renovated its sanctuary
4 beginning in May 2001, and reopened its doors for church services on January 6, 2002, and
5 it will hold a rededication service on Sunday, March 24, 2002, to celebrate the history and
6 Christian service of this great church.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize the marvelous history of Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church and its spiritual
9 leadership in Savannah and convey their appreciation and best wishes for their service and
10 good will.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church.