

Senate Resolution 239

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the achievements of the late Reverend Hosea R. Rancifer during the occasion of
2 Black History Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Reverend Hosea R. Rancifer was a native of Brookhaven, Georgia, the son
4 of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rancifer; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended the Georgia Baptist Seminary College, Georgia Baptist College,
6 Macon Vocational School, and the Morehouse School of Religion; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Christian ministry from 1941 until his death in 1989;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he served as pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Lakeside, Georgia,
10 for 41 years; the Union Baptist Church for 32 years; and the Mount Calvary Baptist Church
11 in south Macon for 19 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Rancifer assumed a position of leadership in middle Georgia during
13 the civil rights movement of the 1960's and his steady presence and strong influence helped
14 to give rise to peaceful and lasting social change in the midst of unsettling fears; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Rancifer was one of five African American ministers in the City of
16 Macon whose open defiance of segregation laws sparked a flame of rebellion that forever
17 changed the consciousness of that city and all of middle Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, as a leader of the Macon bus boycott during the 1960's, he helped to
19 desegregate that city's municipal transit system and by consequence helped to topple the
20 entire system of racial segregation; and

1 WHEREAS, his efforts were courageous and heroic and opened the way for the diversity of
2 leadership that middle Georgia now enjoys.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body,
4 during the occasion of Black History Month, remember and honor the Reverend Hosea R.
5 Rancifer, celebrate his outstanding service on behalf of the citizens of the State of Georgia,
6 and express their gratitude for his courageous leadership.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Hosea R.
9 Rancifer.