

Senate Resolution 241

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the achievements of the Reverend Elisha B. Paschal during the occasion of Black
- 2 History Month; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Reverend Elisha B. Paschal moved to Macon, Georgia, in 1958 to assume
- 4 pastoral duties at the Tremont Temple Baptist Church; and

- 5 WHEREAS, he was among the first to sense that the time had come to inaugurate a new era
- 6 of race relations in his community and possessed the courage and will to lead the effort; and

- 7 WHEREAS, while faithfully performing his pastoral duties, he joined any worthy movement
- 8 and organization which proposed to combat racial discrimination and injustice; and

- 9 WHEREAS, during the civil rights movement, he served as chairman of the Bibb County
- 10 Coordinating Committee, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Macon Branch
- 11 of the NAACP, and cochairman of the Macon Council on Human Relations; and

- 12 WHEREAS, he was a leader of initiatives that brought an end to racial discrimination on the
- 13 Bowden Golf Course, the Washington Memorial Library, many store lunch counters, and the
- 14 Bibb Transit System; and

- 15 WHEREAS, he knew the power of the ballot and was a moving force behind many voter
- 16 registration projects that brought honor and distinction to the City of Macon; and

- 17 WHEREAS, he championed the sit-ins, boycotts, mass meetings, voter registration drives,
- 18 strategy conferences, and negotiations that characterized the era of transition and which led
- 19 to a new era of genuine community; and

- 20 WHEREAS, Reverend Paschal died on November 1, 1962, but the magnitude of his
- 21 accomplishments continue to inspire change and are deserving of recognition.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body remembers and
2 honors the Reverend Elisha B. Paschal during the occasion of Black History Month and
3 expresses its gratitude for his courageous service on behalf of the citizens of the City of
4 Macon and the State of Georgia.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Elisha B.
7 Paschal.