

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.