

Senate Resolution 40EX2

By: Senator Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Cascade United Methodist Church; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Cascade United Methodist Church first held services on October 3, 1926, with  
3 20 persons in attendance; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend S.A.F. Wagner, the first pastor, led the congregation in erecting the  
5 first church building at the corner of Cascade and Richland roads; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the need for a larger building became evident by 1939, but a fire which heavily  
7 damaged the existing building and delay in construction because of the scarcity of building  
8 materials during World War II meant that the new sanctuary was not finally occupied until  
9 July 4, 1948; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the congregation grew to more than 800 members and completed an education  
11 building adjacent to the church in 1956; but during racial transition in the community in the  
12 early 1970's, membership dwindled to fewer than 100 members; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Reverend Walter L. Kimbrough, a dynamic and dedicated black minister who  
14 was appointed in 1974, led a revival in the congregation, increasing the membership by 116  
15 members in his first year and developing a steadfast fellowship of more than 2,000 during  
16 his 12 fruitful years of ministry; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the church continued to grow in membership and ministry under the leadership  
18 of Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, again outgrowing its physical structure; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the groundbreaking service for the Cathedral on Cascade was held on  
20 September 29, 1990, beginning the most massive building project undertaken by a  
21 predominantly black United Methodist Church since the merger of the Georgia and North  
22 Georgia conferences in 1971; and

1 WHEREAS, more than 2,600 faithful and enthusiastic members celebrated Entrance Day for  
2 the magnificent new structure on April 17, 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, the ministry has continued its growth, adding as many as 500 new members  
4 each year.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 commend and congratulate the ministers and members of Cascade United Methodist Church  
7 for their diligence and dedication in building a magnificent cathedral and a strong and  
8 faithful congregation.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cascade United Methodist Church.