

## House Resolution 42

By: Representatives Williams of the 128<sup>th</sup>, James of the 114<sup>th</sup>, Skipper of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Honorable E. C. Tillman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Honorable E. C. Tillman served with unparalleled ability as a member of the  
3 House of Representatives from 1992 through 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant has faithfully represented the citizens  
5 of Glynn, Liberty, and McIntosh Counties with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

6 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this  
7 deliberative body and his integrity and reliability have rightfully earned him the honor,  
8 respect, and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of  
9 this body and properly reflected in his committee responsibilities which included serving as  
10 vice chair of the House Committee on Human Relations and Aging and as a member of the  
11 House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the House Committee on  
12 Appropriations; and

13 WHEREAS, in his legislative committee assignments, he consistently demonstrated a solid  
14 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly  
15 developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by  
16 the rules of honesty and fair play; and

17 WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally  
18 expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in  
19 the House has been marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

20 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex  
21 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build  
22 coalitions and consensus, have received the approval and applause of his peers who hold him  
23 in such high regard; and

1 WHEREAS, this generous and humble man will continue to serve a higher calling through  
2 the tasks of preparing sermons, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing new  
3 believers, or any of the other countless responsibilities of a minister of the Gospel; and

4 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Tillman is a source of  
5 strength, inspiration, and direction for us all and demonstrates the energy, devotion, and  
6 commitment that is truly reflective of divine guidance; and

7 WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination have brought unparalleled progress  
8 and a sense of destiny to the citizens of his district and the State of Georgia and it is  
9 abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body, most especially those to whom  
10 he so freely imparted advice, encouragement, and friendship and who regard him with much  
11 admiration and respect, pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest, most distinguished, and  
12 most colorful colleagues for the many years of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened  
13 service he has rendered on behalf of this state and its citizens.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body unanimously honor and commend their most outstanding  
16 colleague, Honorable E. C. Tillman, for his personal and political influence in supporting  
17 legislation which has substantially improved the quality of life for our citizens and  
18 contributed to Georgia's leadership role in the South, commend him for serving as an  
19 unmatched example of enlightened government and statesmanship, recognize the outstanding  
20 accomplishments of the dynamic Christian Ministry of this devout and pious man, and wish  
21 him every success in all his future endeavors.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable E. C. Tillman.