

Senate Resolution 450

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Savannah upon the
2 occasion of its 200th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Savannah, formerly known as Ogeechee
4 Baptist Church, was constituted on January 1, 1803, by Henry Francis and 250 members
5 from First Bryan Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, in witness to the members' faith and commitment, this congregation has
7 survived and served for two centuries, despite the disorganization of the Civil War era when
8 many members were scattered; and

9 WHEREAS, after the Civil War, the remaining members held outdoor services at the
10 Woodstock Plantation under the leadership of Brother Harris; and

11 WHEREAS, Bethel has been blessed with 12 pastors, including current pastor W. Anthony
12 Jones I; and

13 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this congregation be recognized by this body.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
15 congratulate and commend Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Savannah upon the occasion
16 of its 200th anniversary and express every good wish for the congregation's future.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of
19 Savannah.