Senate Resolution 792
By: Senators Levetan of the 40th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Reverend Raleigh Rucker; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Raleigh Rucker is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and, graduated from Henry McNeal Turner High School in 1956, a proud product of the Atlanta public school system; and

WHEREAS, he selflessly and faithfully served his country as a soldier in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Rucker is the proprietor of Raleigh Rucker Funeral Home in Decatur, Georgia, a family owned and operated business with 30 years of funeral service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Rucker was called into the ministry and received his pastoral training from Dr. Cameron Alexander and soon after his ordination organized and founded the Mt. Patmos Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Patmos Baptist Church began with a congregation of 16 worshipers, but its membership roll has grown to include over 4,500 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Rucker has been recognized by numerous community based organizations and is the recipient of the January, 2003, Unsung Hero for Peace Award; the DeKalb NAACP Leaders Among Leaders’ Award; the Thurgood Marshall Award; DeKalb County’s Father of the Year Award; Georgia’s Outstanding Citizen Award; and The Atlanta Journal and Constitution’s Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Whites Mill Road was renamed in his honor to Raleigh Rucker Way, Reverend Rucker also serves as chaplain for Georgia State National Organization for Black Law Enforcement, Inc. (NOBLES), chaplain of the Edward-Miller Foundation for children.

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with physical challenges and disabilities, the first African American chaplain for the Georgia
Bureau of Investigation, and is chief advisor of the Monticello Police Department holding
the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
commend the Reverend Raleigh Rucker for his many years of selfless dedication and service
to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Raleigh Rucker.