

Senate Resolution 792

By: Senators Levetan of the 40th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Reverend Raleigh Rucker; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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