

Senate Resolution 817

By: Senators Henson of the 41st and Stokes of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Raleigh Rucker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Raleigh Rucker is the owner and director of Raleigh Rucker Funeral
3 Home in Decatur, which is a family operated business providing service to the community
4 for more than 30 years; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an ordained minister and founder of Mt. Patmos Baptist Church, which
6 has grown from 16 members to over 4,500 members; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Rucker has been active in his community for many years, embodying
8 his personal philosophy of commitment to the youth of today and tomorrow, and he is the
9 founder of Save Our Sons and Daughters to stop violence, drugs, and teen pregnancy; and

10 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many outstanding achievements, Reverend Rucker has
11 received numerous awards, including the 2003 Unsung Hero for Peace Award, the DeKalb
12 NAACP Leaders Among Leaders Award, the 1993 NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award, the
13 1993 Father of the Year Award in DeKalb County, the Georgia Outstanding Citizen Award,
14 and the 1993 Service Award from the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Rucker is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that he be recognized by this body.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend Reverend Raleigh Rucker for his many achievements and contributions.

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