

Senate Resolution 893

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. H. William Perry and congratulating him on the occasion of his retirement;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the importance of pastoral ministry and preaching in a church setting for its  
4 parishioners should not be underestimated; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. H. William Perry, during his 40 years of service as a minister of the gospel,  
6 has had a profound effect upon and served as counselor to countless numbers of families and  
7 individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, during his service as pastor at First Baptist Church of Statesboro, Georgia,  
9 Dr. H. William Perry shepherded the church through times of celebration, days of darkness,  
10 and countless unforeseen events; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1981, the First Baptist Church of Statesboro had an operating budget of  
12 \$456,330.00 and the property value of the church was estimated to be \$1½ million; and

13 WHEREAS, under Dr. Perry's guidance, the church budget had, by 2003, grown to exceed  
14 \$2 million and the church's property value had leapt to an estimated \$10 million in value;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. H. William Perry has served as president and in other positions of the  
17 Rotary Club and on boards of organizations such as the Statesboro Regional Library, the  
18 Ogeechee Home Health Agency, and Habitat for Humanity, and he has served as host to the  
19 American Heart Association's Cablethon and chaired the Statesboro Bicentennial Festival  
20 of Faith; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. H. William Perry retired on February 29, 2004, and will continue his  
22 ministry into retirement with vigor and zeal.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 commend Dr. H. William Perry for his many years of dedicated service to his church and its  
3 congregation and congratulate him on the occasion of his much deserved retirement.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. and Mrs. H. William Perry and to his  
6 daughters, Laura and Gayla.