

Senate Resolution 569

By: Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the joint ministries of Mount Zion Baptist Church and Sherwood Baptist Church;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mount Zion Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia, was founded in 1865, and Dr.
4 Daniel Simmons has been serving the 1,700 members of its congregation since 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, Sherwood Baptist Church of Albany was founded in 1956, and Dr. Michael Catt
6 has served as the pastor to its 2,400 resident members since 1989; and

7 WHEREAS, under the wise guidance and foresight of these two exemplary pastors, these
8 distinguished churches have worked together to build bridges and to promote unity and racial
9 reconciliation in Dougherty County since the mid 1990's; and

10 WHEREAS, considering each other co-pastors, Dr. Simmons and Dr. Catt frequently hold
11 joint services, jointly receiving the Martin Luther King Celebration 2003 Unity Award for
12 their community leadership, and their congregations collaborate on numerous projects both
13 within their churches and the greater community; and

14 WHEREAS, as a result of the cooperation they have modeled, other pastors and churches are
15 coming together to build stronger relationships with one another and beginning to work
16 together to face the challenges of the 21st century.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 join in honoring the joint ministries of Mount Zion Baptist Church and Sherwood Baptist
19 Church and extend to both congregations their sincere best wishes for success as they
20 continue to work together to improve the Albany community.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Daniel Simmons of Mount Zion
- 3 Baptist Church and Dr. Michael Catt of Sherwood Baptist Church.