

Senate Resolution 590

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Michael A. Battle; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael A. Battle, the seventh president of the Interdenominational
3 Theological Center (ITC), is a rare combination of a theologically well-trained educator, a
4 spirit-led servant leader, and a preacher who addresses the needs of the 21st century; and

5 WHEREAS, with a bachelor's degree from Trinity College, a master of divinity degree from
6 Duke University, and a doctor of ministry degree from Howard University, Dr. Battle has
7 served as an administrator to some of the nation's finest institutions of higher education, as
8 vice president of the American Committee on Africa from 1994 to 1998, as an election
9 observer in 1994 for the first free election in South Africa, and as a liaison between the
10 Hampton University Ministers' Conference and the South African Council of Churches; and

11 WHEREAS, he served his country with pride and honor for two decades as a Chaplain in the
12 United States Army Reserve and, after key assignments from Battalion to Division level,
13 retired with many military honors and the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1997; and

14 WHEREAS, selected as a 2004 Historymaker and inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr.,
15 Board of Preachers of Morehouse College, he has contributed much to the Atlanta
16 community, serving on the Atlanta University Consortium Council of Presidents and as a
17 member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, and the Historically Black
18 Colleges and Universities Congressional Forum Steering Committee in addition to holding
19 positions on the boards of the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, the
20 Atlanta Regional Council of Churches, and the Atlanta Fulton Family Connection; and

21 WHEREAS, under his excellent leadership and the steady guidance of his extensive
22 experience, foresight, and expertise, the ITC is working on the development and
23 implementation of a ten year strategic plan that will give a new and inspired direction to the
24 total operations of the institution by its 50th anniversary.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join in commending Dr. Michael A. Battle for his outstanding service to his community and
3 his country and extend sincere best wishes for the continued success of his noble endeavors.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Michael A. Battle.