

Senate Resolution 1155

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pastor Scottie Swinney for his life of dedicated service to his church,  
2 community, and fellow citizens; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Scottie Swinney was born in Augusta, Georgia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus  
4 V. Swinney; graduated from Butler High School in Augusta, Georgia, and continued his  
5 education earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Morris Brown College in  
6 Atlanta, Georgia, and a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center  
7 in Atlanta, Georgia;

8 WHEREAS, he has been the pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church in Columbus, Georgia, since  
9 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Swinney has spearheaded multiple renovation and expansion projects  
11 for the church resulting in the restoration of the beauty of this historical church and also  
12 providing for the expansion of the congregation; and

13 WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to his church and community is further  
14 demonstrated by his initiation of and enduring work on numerous church programs and  
15 ministries; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Swinney has also served his community through volunteer organizations  
17 and missions, including serving as chairperson for the Columbus City-wide Emancipation  
18 Proclamation Day Services, an active member of the Columbus Interdenominational  
19 Ministerial Alliance, a member of the Board of Directors for the Columbus Urban League,  
20 a member of the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and a member  
21 of the Advisory Board of the Ma Rainey Cultural Museum; Pastor Swinney has also served  
22 as a teacher and mentor for the Keysville Adult Literacy Program; and

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Swinney has lived a life dedicated to community and spiritual service,  
2 embodying his personal commitment to his fellow man, and in recognition of his many  
3 outstanding achievements, Pastor Swinney received the A.M.E.'s Good Shepherd's Award;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Swinney finds daily strength in the scripture, "Is anything too hard for  
6 the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14); and

7 WHEREAS, his perseverance and devotion to helping others has brought honor to his  
8 family, church, and to his community, and it is only fitting and proper that he be recognized  
9 by this body.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
11 commend Pastor Scottie Swinney for his many achievements and contributions.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
13 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Scottie Swinney.