

Senate Resolution 1163

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Wayne D. Baker for his life of dedicated service to his church,
2 community, and fellow citizens; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker was valedictorian of Oliver High School in Russell County,
4 Alabama, received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and economics from
5 Grambling State University in Louisiana, and earned a Master of Theology at Moody
6 Graduate School in Chicago, Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Wayne D. Baker is the pastor and president of the Spirit Filled Methodist
8 Church in Columbus, Georgia, and currently hosts the "Pastor's Corner" every Sunday on
9 WRBL Channel 3; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker's dedication to community is demonstrated by: his service as
11 founder and president of End Time Gospel Crusades, Inc., Ministries; his establishment of
12 the first African American Independent Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia; his service
13 as former president of In-Fi World Corporation, the Interdenominational Ministerial
14 Alliance, and End Times Gospel Crusades, Inc.; and his service as former Secretary of the
15 Muscogee County Clergy Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker has lived a life dedicated to Christian education programs and
17 community and spiritual service, embodying his personal commitment to his fellow man and
18 he exemplifies extraordinary Christian leadership in the Christian community throughout the
19 Columbus, Fort Benning, and Phenix City areas; he has also ministered in foreign countries
20 including Germany, Korea, and India, and has authored many spiritual books and articles;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker was selected as lecturer for the Comparative Religion series
23 at Columbus State University and is a former recipient of the WOKS Man of the Year Award
24 and received the NAACP National Leadership Award; he was also appointed honorary

1 Attorney General of the State of Alabama and cited by Cathy Cox as an Outstanding Georgia
2 Citizen; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Baker is a dedicated husband to his wife of 30 years, Rita Delynn
4 Baker, and a devoted father to their three children, Zephaniah, Christian, and Jonathan.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that it is appropriate that this body
6 recognize the service of this dedicated spiritual leader and the members of this body hereby
7 commend Reverend Wayne D. Baker for his many achievements and contributions.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Wayne D. Baker.