

Senate Resolution 1165

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Reverend Joseph Roberson, senior pastor at South Columbus United Methodist  
2 Church, for all his contributions to the Columbus, Georgia, community; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Roberson has many honors and achievements including serving as  
5 Vice Chair of the Conference Board of Ministry and being a South Georgia Conference  
6 Trustee and a 2004 Jurisdictional Conference Delegate; and

7 WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1994, Reverend Roberson served as the Executive Director of  
8 National Black Methodists for Church Renewal and from 1985 to 1991 he was the Associate  
9 Director of the Conference Council on Ministries; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Roberson, among many recognitions, has been awarded the  
11 "Margaret Adger Pitts Fellowship" Award from Andrew College, the "Henry Denman  
12 Evangelism" Award, and the "Dan Reed Rotary Award for Service Above Self"; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Roberson is the founder of many philanthropic organizations  
14 including South Columbus Community Development, Inc., which provides housing for low  
15 and moderate income families; South Columbus Concerned Citizens, which urges members  
16 of the community to get involved in the political process; the South Columbus Children's  
17 Center, which provides day care for south Columbus children, and the SIMBA Young Lions  
18 Mentoring Program for Boys, which provides role models for young men of Columbus; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Roberson has served as the Senior Pastor at South Columbus United  
20 Methodist Church for the past 12 years where he has witnessed the church receive 700 new  
21 members, create 25 outreach ministries, and begin a popular radio broadcast, "Getting on Top  
22 of Life."

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 recognize and commend Reverend Joseph Roberson for all his contributions to the  
3 community of Columbus, Georgia.

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 Reverend Joseph Roberson.