

Senate Resolution 1253

By: Senator Thomas of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, for 24 years, First African Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, has been
3 blessed with the leadership of one of Georgia's most respected clergymen, Reverend
4 Thurmond N. Tillman; and

5 WHEREAS, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Eugene C. Tillman, Sr., he was raised in
6 Brunswick, Georgia, and graduated from Glynn Academy and Brunswick Junior College
7 before earning his Bachelor of Science from the State University of West Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, in obedience to the call to serve the Lord, Reverend Tillman earned a Master
9 of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center Morehouse School of Religion
10 and became licensed to preach the Gospel at Shiloh Baptist Church in 1976; and

11 WHEREAS, since becoming the Pastor of First African Baptist Church, Reverend Tillman
12 has touched countless lives with his spiritual guidance, faithfully guiding his flock with
13 strength and compassion; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman devotes his energy not just to his congregation but to
15 bettering the greater community, and, among his many leadership positions, he is chairman
16 of the West Broad Street Y.M.C.A., chaplain for the Savannah Police Department and the
17 Southeastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a board member of the African
18 American Monument Association and Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, and former
19 chairman of the M. L. King/Montgomery Street Revitalization Committee of the Savannah
20 Development Renewal Authority; and

21 WHEREAS, also heavily involved within his denomination and in a variety of ecumenical
22 endeavors, Reverend Tillman is president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of
23 Georgia, Congress of Christian Education, vice moderator of the Berean Missionary Baptist

1 Association, treasurer of the Savannah Baptist Ministers Union, convener of Hundred Black
2 Churches Connected and 1000 Churches Connected in the Savannah area, and former
3 president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Chatham County, Georgia,
4 among countless other activities; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Tillman is married to the former Lawanda Copeland and is the proud
6 father of three children, Trenile Nicole, Lauren Christina, and Tremil Delano; and

7 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2006, First African Baptist Church will be celebrating Reverend
8 Tillman's 24th Pastoral Appreciation.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 join in commending Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman on his 24 years of outstanding service
11 to First African Baptist Church and thank him for his many invaluable contributions to
12 Savannah and to Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman.