## Senate Resolution 163

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Adelman of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. George O. McCalep; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Dr. George O. McCalep began his pastorate at Greenforest Baptist Church in
Decatur, Georgia in 1979, and since that time the congregation has expanded from 25 souls
to over 6,000 active members, and in 1988 the church moved into a new facility purchased
for \$10 million and operates the largest predominantly African American school in the
country, the Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academic Center, with an enrollment of 1,000
students; and

8 WHEREAS, under Dr. McCalep's direction, Greenforest has undertaken a number of 9 important large-scale community initiatives, including a 161-unit apartment complex, 10 managed by the Green Forest Community Development Corporation, and the South DeKalb 11 Church Federal Credit Union, a credit union owned cooperatively by participating members 12 of five neighboring churches of different denominations; and

WHEREAS, his success in leadership has resulted in Dr. McCalep's national recognition as
a leading authority on the subjects of church growth, stewardship, evangelism, church

15 economic empowerment, Sunday school growth, and church leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, he is active in community affairs, he is a past member of the Board of Directors

17 of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and a former adjunct professor of church

18 growth and development at Luther Rice Bible College and Seminary, and he currently serves

19 on the Board of Directors of the Morehouse School of Religion; and

- WHEREAS, he is a best-selling author on church growth and spiritual development, having
  published his first book, <u>Faithful Over a Few Things Seven Critical Church Growth</u>
  <u>Principles</u>, in 1996, and subsequent books include <u>Breaking the Huddle</u>; <u>Growing Up to the</u>
  <u>Head Ten Growth Essentials to Becoming a Better Christian</u>; <u>Stir up the Gifts -</u>
- 24 Empowering Believers for Victorious Living and Ministry Tasks; A Good Black Samaritan;

- 1 Sin in the House Ten Crucial Church Problems with Cleansing Solutions; Praising the Hell
- 2 <u>Out of Yourself; How to Be Blessed: Finding Favor with God and Man; Faith Raising vs.</u>
- 3 Money Raising: An Approach to Doing Stewardship God's Way; Fulfillment Hour: A
- 4 Nontraditional Sunday School Model; When Black Men Stretch Their Hands to God:
- 5 Messages Affirming the Black Biblical Heritage; Seven Weeks of Growing Up to the Head;
- 6 and <u>Church Growth Made Simple: Twenty Simple Changes Guaranteed to Transform Your</u>
- 7 <u>Church;</u> and

8 WHEREAS, he is founder and owner-manager of three successful for profit ministries, 9 Orman Press, Ormanpress.com, and The McCalep Group, as well as two nonprofit 10 corporations, the Cushite Movement and the McCalep-Antioch-Cushite Fellowship of 11 Churches; and

- WHEREAS, Dr. McCalep has been married for 44 years to the former Sadie Turner, his
  sweetheart since high school, and the couple has three sons, Michael, George III, and
  Timothy, and three grandsons.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
  join to recognize and honor Dr. George O. McCalep for his many accomplishments, and
  especially for his towering contributions to his community and this state.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directedto transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. George O. McCalep.