

Senate Resolution 311

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Salem United Methodist Church; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Salem United Methodist Church has a long history dating back to 1824 when  
3 the church was organized and a log structure on five acres in northwestern Newton County  
4 was selected as the site of worship; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the original plot contains the present cemetery of the church; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the church was established as part of the Yellow River Circuit of the Athens  
7 District of the South Carolina Conference; and
- 8 WHEREAS, sometime between 1865 and 1870 a new church building was constructed and  
9 records show that Salem Church was admitted to the Conyers Circuit of five churches in  
10 1901; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1903, a resolution was passed asking the trustees of Salem Campground to  
12 transfer a site for construction of a new church building in exchange for the old church site;  
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, work was immediately begun on what is the present church structure; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the church had a membership of 285 in 1903; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the true history of the church revolves around the continued preservation of  
17 Christian tradition and values through prayer, love, and efforts of the church family.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
19 commend Salem United Methodist Church on its rich history and wish continued success and  
20 growth for this outstanding institution.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Salem United Methodist Church.