

Senate Resolution 360

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion
2 of its 135th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 25, 2007, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
4 celebrates its 135th year of faithful worship since the church was first organized at a place
5 called "Forks Creek" in the Bloomfield area of Macon, Georgia, in 1872; and

6 WHEREAS, since its founding, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church has known some
7 of the Lord's finest servants, beginning with the leadership of Pastor Albert Campbell, Pastor
8 Frank Deloney, and Pastor E.W. Hoyt; and

9 WHEREAS, shortly after Pastor Hoyt answered his summons for eternal rest on August 1,
10 1956, the church building was unfortunately destroyed by fire, but the congregation
11 persevered through the grace of God and the wonderful hospitality of Mount Calvary Baptist
12 Church; and

13 WHEREAS, the church was rebuilt in 1958 under the leadership of Pastor W.M. Hall, and
14 the church experienced a time of great revival that continued through the watchful
15 stewardship of Pastor Nehemiah Collins, Sr., and Pastor Burnette R. Fulton, Jr., the current
16 pastor of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Fulton, the church has been blessed with a
18 number of new additions, including the purchase of a 32-passenger bus, a new audio sound
19 system, and a lighted display for the church's exterior; and

20 WHEREAS, over the span of its many years, this congregation has experienced occasions
21 for both jubilation and sorrow, but their church has remained a symbol of the spirit and
22 lifeblood of the community during three different centuries of Georgia history.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 recognize the rich history of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, congratulate it on
3 the occasion of its 135th anniversary, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued
4 growth and success.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist
7 Church.