

Senate Resolution 546

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Reverend Dr. Mance C. Jackson, Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
4 of Reverend Dr. Mance C. Jackson, Jr., on March 14, 2007, at the age of 76; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson was a great teacher of those who were called to serve the Lord; he
6 joined the Interdenominational Theological Center of the CME Church in 1968 where he
7 taught continuing education courses to hundreds of preachers throughout the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a tremendous spiritual counselor, working for over 40 years in faithful
9 service to God, and his counseling changed the lives of all those he touched with God's word
10 for the better; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Mance Jackson embodied the words of St. Paul to Timothy in
12 Timothy 2:15, "Carefully study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that
13 needeth not to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth"; and

14 WHEREAS, he continued his own training, earning his doctorate in ministry from the New
15 York Theological Seminary in 1980, before traveling to the South, taking his courses to
16 preachers in their communities, and as the presiding elder in the CME Church of Central
17 Georgia Conference, he trained preachers at 38 churches within his district and also at
18 another 30 churches outside his district; and

19 WHEREAS, he broadened his classroom with missions to preachers in Africa and the
20 Caribbean, providing support for those in need around the world; and

21 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding social activist who diligently worked for the rights of
22 black children in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife and a loving father to their eight children,
2 Linda Vitale, Diantha Reese, Darlene Atchison, Deborah Stallworth, Doreen Jackson, Donna
3 Stewart, Claudius Jackson, and Myron Jackson, and a proud grandfather and
4 great-grandfather to their 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of all who knew him and his passing leaves
6 an unfillable void in the hearts of his family and friends, and it is only fitting and proper that
7 we extend sympathy to his family, colleagues, and friends.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Reverend Dr. Mance C. Jackson,
10 Jr., and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Dr. Mance C.
13 Jackson, Jr.