

Senate Resolution 1008

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Joseph Roberson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Joseph Roberson has been the Senior Pastor of South Columbus  
3 United Methodist Church for 14 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Beverly, have been married for 29 years and have three  
5 wonderful children, Angela, Martin, and Joseph; and
- 6 WHEREAS, since he became pastor, the church has gained 750 new members and recently  
7 began a Hispanic ministry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he ministers through the highly respected and popular radio show, "Getting on  
9 Top of Life" on Sunday mornings, and he is a writer and publisher in the South Georgia  
10 Conference's *Historical Highlights* and various periodicals; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he is very active in the community, as evidenced by his service as a member of  
12 the Muscogee County School Board, 2004-2008; a South Georgia General Conference  
13 delegate, 2008; vice president of the conference board of ordained ministry; member of the  
14 conference board of trustees; president of the Black Methodist for Church Renewal within  
15 the South Georgia Conference; member of the board of directors for Strengthening the Black  
16 Church for the 21st Century; and former executive director of the National Black Methodist  
17 for Church Renewal in Dayton, Ohio; and
- 18 WHEREAS, being active in the community has afforded him many honors and awards,  
19 including the South Georgia Conference United Methodist Church's "Harry Denman  
20 Evangelism Award"; the distinguished "Dan Reed Rotary Award for Service Above Self";  
21 and a "Paul Harris Fellow" award; and
- 22 WHEREAS, in addition to being a minister he is a registered respiratory therapist; and

1 WHEREAS, he has a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia State University in  
2 respiratory therapy; attended the Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Science; has a Master  
3 of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center at Gammon Seminary in  
4 Atlanta, Georgia; and a specialist degree in pastoral counseling from the Pastoral Institute  
5 in Columbus, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, his motto in life is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who  
7 strengthens me."

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 commend and recognize Reverend Joseph Roberson, for his outstanding leadership and  
10 service to his community and the state.

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 Reverend Joseph Roberson.