

Senate Resolution 1359

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of and expressing regret at the passing of Dr. Emmett T. Martin; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2008, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most  
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of Dr. Emmett T. Martin; and

5 WHEREAS, this life-time resident of Augusta, Georgia, was a graduate of Lucy Laney High  
6 School, a 1960 graduate of Benedict College, received a Master of Divinity from  
7 Jacksonville Theological Seminary in 1997, and a Doctor of Ministry from Lake Charles  
8 Baptist College in 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, he was long recognized by the citizens of his community for the vital role he  
10 played in leadership and for his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of  
11 Georgia and the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
13 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his  
14 many years of superlative service as a pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Louisville,  
15 Georgia from 1960 until 1972, and as a pastor of the historic Springfield Baptist Church from  
16 1972 until his passing; and

17 WHEREAS, he had numerous affiliations including the National Baptist Convention, USA;  
18 General Missionary Convention of Georgia; dean and president of the Congress of Christian  
19 Education for Walker Baptist Association, vice president of Springfield Village Park  
20 Foundation Board of Directors, University Hospital Clergy Staff, Hope Homes Board of  
21 Directors, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and

1 WHEREAS, he taught at A. R. Johnson, Jr., High School, was a former assistant manager  
2 of Conger Insurance, and former staff member at Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance  
3 Company; and

4 WHEREAS, he received numerous honors and awards including being an inductee into  
5 Morehouse Georgia Board of Reverend Preachers in 1996, and a Mayor's Proclamation  
6 declaring December 7, 1996, as E. T. Martin Day in Augusta; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his wife, Betty R. Martin; and

8 WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an  
9 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
11 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Dr. Emmett T. Martin and  
12 commend him for a lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Emmett T. Martin.