

Senate Resolution 1412

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Marcus J. Gibson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Marcus J. Gibson has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Gibson was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on May 22, 1971, the  
6 beloved eldest child of Samuel, Jr., and Sadie Diane Childress Gibson; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and  
8 a master's degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Reverend Gibson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
10 the United States Army as a first lieutenant; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was called by the Lord to teach and preach the Gospel in 1992 and was  
12 ordained as a Baptist preacher in 1994; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Reverend Gibson has served as pastor of Greater Shady Grove Missionary  
14 Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, since 1998, and before leading the church  
15 congregation, he served as a Sunday school teacher, youth superintendent, Inspiration Choir  
16 member, pulpit associate, Sunday school lesson reviewer, member of the Usher Board, and  
17 member of the Christian Education Ministry; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist  
19 Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and  
20 serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Gibson is united in love and marriage to Ulander Shir'e Bratton  
22 Gibson, and they have been blessed with two remarkable children, MarDarius and MarKayla;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
25 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
26 humanitarian, Reverend Gibson serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Gibson is a source of  
28 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
30 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
31 on behalf of persons in need.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Reverend Marcus J. Gibson on his divine leadership at Greater Shady Grove  
34 Missionary Baptist Church and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
35 fellowship.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Marcus J. Gibson.