

Senate Resolution 1433

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the life and legacy of Reverend Silas Johnson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Silas Johnson was born in the mid 1800's to the red clay soil of  
3 Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a true servant of God, Reverend Johnson demonstrated a commitment to  
5 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
6 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his courage and spiritual leadership played a vital role in the development of  
8 Christian based churches throughout Oglethorpe County and the surrounding communities;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, he founded Springhill Baptist Church in Philomath, Pleasant Grove Baptist  
11 Church in Rayle, Lyonsville Baptist Church in Lyonsville, and White Rock Baptist Church  
12 in Wilkes County, helping to foster spiritual growth in the region; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Johnson was  
14 instrumental in ordaining a large number of ministers and deacons and served as a source of  
15 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he served as a shining example of God's righteous path, uniting black and white  
17 Christians to praise the Lord together at a time when it was an unpopular idea, and he played  
18 a vital role in educating those who were hungry for the Lord's Word; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
20 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
21 on behalf of persons in need.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
23 recognize Reverend Silas Johnson for his exemplary fellowship and leadership in the name  
24 of God.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Springhill Baptist Church in Philomath,  
27 Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Rayle, Lyonsville Baptist Church in Lyonsville, and White  
28 Rock Baptist Church in Wilkes County.