

Senate Resolution 1443

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and Davis of the 22nd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Joe Beasley; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Beasley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley diligently and conscientiously devotes his time, talents, and energy  
6 to uplifting the lives of others as director of human services at Atlanta's Antioch Baptist  
7 Church North and as southeast regional director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty for 21 years with  
9 the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously defending democracy and his fellow  
10 Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley is the founder of two nonprofit organizations, the Joe Beasley  
12 Foundation and African Ascension; and

13 WHEREAS, through African Ascension, Mr. Beasley links individuals of African descent  
14 with Africans on the continent of Africa to create opportunities and promote change; and

15 WHEREAS, the Joe Beasley Foundation has been active for many years with philanthropic  
16 work in the nation of Haiti, helping to monitor the 1995 election, coordinating the delivery  
17 of more than \$1 million in medical supplies, and helping to sponsor an orphanage, a church,  
18 a hospital, and other community developments in Port-au-Prince, and

19 WHEREAS, since the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, Mr. Beasley has  
20 returned to that nation to lend support and encouragement in the wake of the Southern  
21 Hemisphere's most devastating natural disaster; and

22 WHEREAS, the Joe Beasley Foundation has vowed to rebuild the orphanage in  
23 Port-au-Prince with construction methods that will serve as a model for affordable,  
24 earthquake-proof building practices for the entire city; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
26 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 commend the outstanding humanitarian efforts of Mr. Joe Beasley and recognize his selfless  
29 service to those in need.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Joe Beasley.