

Senate Resolution 1550

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Bishop Jim Swilley and commending Church In The Now on the occasion of
2 its 25th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Jim Swilley acknowledged his call to the ministry at an early age and,
4 since then, has proclaimed the gospel in song, ministry, prayer, and authorship throughout
5 the United States and many foreign countries, with a passion to bring people into an
6 understanding that they are real people experiencing the real God in the real world; and

7 WHEREAS, organized in 1985 by Bishop Swilley, Church In The Now has grown over the
8 years to become a cutting edge, multicultural, interdenominational church, allowing the
9 Word of God to spread throughout the community and the world; and

10 WHEREAS, through streaming video, covenant ministries, and multiple inspirational,
11 insightful and thought-provoking books that provide a progressive vision for the future,
12 Church In The Now and Bishop Swilley provide a life-changing message of restoration,
13 hope, personal accountability, and the "nowness" of God; and

14 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
15 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
16 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

17 WHEREAS, Church In The Now provides members with a full time daycare called the
18 KidzZone Learning Center, a ministry for children ages six through fifth grade called Kids
19 In The Now, a mobile church on wheels called Street Jam, and numerous other programs and
20 ministry groups; and

21 WHEREAS, this amazing congregation has hosted and underwrote Conyers FallFest for 21
22 years, has hosted Rockdale and Newton County high schools for their graduation

23 commencement services since 2006, and has sponsored the local food and clothing closets,
24 a crisis pregnancy center, and a battered women's shelter; and

25 WHEREAS, Bishop Swilley has a global vision for world peace and Church In The Now has
26 provided monthly support to ministries in both Uganda and the Philippines through
27 sponsorship and financially underwritten yearly pastoral conferences in those countries; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize the rich history of Church In The Now, commend the congregation and Bishop Jim
33 Swilley on 25 years of dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their
34 warmest best wishes for the church's continued growth and success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Jim Swilley.