

Senate Resolution 714

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. J.H. Flakes, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. J.H. Flakes, Jr., was born in Phenix City, Alabama, a beloved son  
3 of Reverend and Mrs. J.H. Flakes, Sr., and stepson of the late Mama Jessie Flakes; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Flakes earned his bachelor's degree from American Baptist College  
5 and continued his biblical studies at Morehouse School of Religion, the National Baptist  
6 Congress of Christian Education, and the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Phenix  
9 City for 50 years and Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, for the  
10 past 45 years; and

11 WHEREAS, he has been recognized for his amazing guidance and spiritual fellowship with  
12 honors such as the Outstanding Personality of the South, a Ten Outstanding Ministers in the  
13 State of Georgia award, an Alpha Phi Alpha Martin Luther King award, an Operation PUSH  
14 Martin Luther King award, and a Knighthood Award from the Congress of Christian  
15 Education; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Flake's many affiliations include the East Alabama Missionary  
17 Baptist Progressive Association, the General Missionary Baptist Convention of West  
18 Germany, the National Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Congress of Christian  
19 Education, and the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he has held prestigious leadership positions as chairman of One Columbus and  
21 the Board of Trustees of American Baptist College, as past president of the NAACP and the  
22 General Missionary Baptist Congress Christian Education of the State of Georgia, and as  
23 president of A Call To Talk; and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Flakes is united in love and marriage to his wife, Robena Gaines, and  
25 they have been blessed with three remarkable children and three wonderful grandchildren;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Flakes has been a  
28 source of strength, inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all  
29 economic strata, and he continues to serve as an inspiration to countless Georgians and  
30 Americans each day with his acts of kindness and compassion.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Reverend Dr. J.H. Flakes, Jr., for his unparalleled record of community service  
33 and his innumerable good works rendered on behalf of persons in need and extend to him  
34 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Reverend Dr. J.H. Flakes, Jr.