

Senate Resolution 762

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and celebrating the 73rd birthday of Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr., was born on April 18, 1936, in Beaumont, Texas,
4 and he went on to become the first African American student at Georgia Southern University;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, in honor of this historical and ground-breaking distinction, Georgia Southern
7 has placed a commemorative plaque and oak tree recognizing Dr. Bradley's contribution to
8 the school and the state; and

9 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Doc" for his service to music education for over five
10 decades, Dr. Bradley earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University, a master's
11 degree from Vander-Cook College of Music, a doctoral degree from Southeastern University,
12 and he completed his post-graduate studies at Georgia Southern University, the University
13 of South Carolina, and Central Connecticut State University; and

14 WHEREAS, a nationally known jazz musician and jazz educator, Dr. Bradley has performed
15 with such notable musicians as Bill Watrous, Jimmy Owens, Stanley Turtintine, Gene
16 Walker, Jimmy Coe, David Hardiman, Ed Thigpen, Doug Beach, Virgil Rodgers, Wilton
17 Felder, Hubert Laws, Stixx Hooper, Joseph Sample, Joan Cartwright, and many others; and

18 WHEREAS, his music library represents music written for him by composers such as Mark
19 Taylor, Doug Beach, Dean Sorenson, Mike Tomaro, and Jeff Jarvis; and

20 WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Bradley and Wayne Hoey, the Augusta State
21 University Conservatory Jazz Band was founded in 1998 in order to give students in the
22 Central Savannah River Area an opportunity to perform jazz music and to expose them to
23 various jazz styles; and

24 WHEREAS, the Conservatory Jazz Band performs twice within the school year at Augusta
25 State University and at other venues which include the Arts in the Heart of Augusta,
26 Candlelight Jazz, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Morris Museum; and

27 WHEREAS, the Conservatory Jazz Band Concert held in the fall of 2008 was dedicated to
28 the University Hospital Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Patients; and

29 WHEREAS, many students credit Dr. Bradley with improving their musical skills and
30 inspiring them to attend colleges and universities to pursue a career in music education; and

31 WHEREAS, even during his battle with cancer and his recovery from a massive heart attack,
32 Dr. Bradley has demonstrated an unquestionable love of jazz and his passion about music has
33 driven him to commit his life to providing students with quality musical insight and inspiring
34 them to reach their utmost potential.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 join in commending Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr., on the occasion of his 73rd birthday and
37 wishing him many more years of happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr.