

Senate Resolution 887

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Haitian Mission Team from Grace Church of the Islands;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Grace Church of the Islands is a Presbyterian church located in Savannah,
4 Georgia, and led by senior pastor T. Brannon Bowman; and

5 WHEREAS, on January 9, 2010, a mission group of 14 faithful servants of the Lord from
6 Grace Church of the Islands traveled from Georgia to Messailler, Haiti, for a week-long
7 mission trip; and

8 WHEREAS, the Grace Church of the Islands congregation has been working for ten years
9 with the Presbyterian Mission in Haiti and Reverend Charles Amicy in establishing five
10 churches and five schools where over 700 children are receiving a Christian education; and

11 WHEREAS, located approximately 20 miles from Port-au-Prince in Messailler, Haiti, the
12 group was diligently working to paint an orphanage and providing general medical exams
13 to patients on January 12, 2010, when an earthquake with a 7.0 magnitude shook Haiti; and

14 WHEREAS, after one of the most catastrophic natural disasters in the history of the Western
15 World, the group from Grace Church of the Islands worked tirelessly, tending to broken
16 bones, crushed limbs, concussions, lacerations, and countless physical injuries; and

17 WHEREAS, after their medical supplies were exhausted, creativity paired with God's natural
18 gifts helped them provide aid to the injured by using palm fronds as splints for injured limbs;
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20 WHEREAS, their faith in the Lord provided them with the strength to tend to the victims and
21 to bring hope to the survivors; and

22 WHEREAS, since the mission group's safe return to the United States on January 16, 2010,
23 Grace Church of the Islands has directed thousands of dollars to Haiti to help in the nation's
24 rescue, relief, and recovery efforts; and

25 WHEREAS, the courageous and selfless members of the Grace Church of Islands Haitian
26 mission trip included Lisa Aaron, Adam Calderon, Danielle Gibson, Ann Klein, Dr. Brian
27 Kornblatt, Joan Kornblatt, David Roulo, Dr. John Rowlett, Sharon Rowlett, Mary Grace
28 Toler, Richard Towns, Jose Veciana, Mary Lauren Veciana, and Bobby Wiggins.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend the Haitian Mission Team from Grace Church of the Islands for their altruistic and
31 compassionate deeds for the people of Haiti and recognize their bravery and faith in the face
32 of tragedy and adversity.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Haitian Mission Team from Grace
35 Church of the Islands.