

Senate Resolution 1058

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending "General" Larry Platt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has long been recognized for his dedication to the
3 principles of equality and justice and his active involvement in the political process; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, "General" Larry Platt helped organize
5 and participated in sit-ins and demonstrations against segregation in restaurants and other
6 public areas during the 1960's as a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating
7 Committee; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was confronted with violence for his protests of segregation and was beaten
9 on the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Bloody Sunday in 1965 during the historic Civil Rights
10 march from Selma to Montgomery; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his nickname "General" was given to him by Reverend Hosea Williams for his
12 heroic efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement; and
- 13 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt's diligence and leadership has been instrumental to the
14 search efforts of United Youth Adult Conference, an organization which led the searches for
15 missing and murdered children in the Metropolitan Atlanta area in the 1980's; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he attends city and county meetings to ensure the rights of citizens are protected
17 and public officials are held accountable; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a champion of justice, he has diligently worked to raise awareness of longtime
19 death row inmate Troy Davis's struggle to have his case reheard in light of witness
20 recantations; and

21 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has recently re-gained national attention for his
22 appearance on the hit show *American Idol*, where he unveiled his socially conscious and
23 thought provoking song "Pants on the Ground"; and

24 WHEREAS, his performance of "Pants on the Ground" became an overnight sensation and
25 was seen by millions around the world via the Internet; and

26 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has been a life-long defender of equality and civil rights,
27 and his recent fame for "Pants on the Ground" is worthy of recognition.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend "General" Larry Platt for his lifetime of service to others, recognize him as a Civil
30 Rights hero, and congratulate him upon his recent successful entertainment career.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to "General" Larry Platt.