

Senate Bill 12

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, James of the 35th and Sims of the 12th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state symbols, so as to designate the Georgia Mass Choir as Georgia's official
3 mass choir; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Georgia Mass Choir, one of the most highly acclaimed gospel choirs in this
5 country, has featured some of the finest singers in this state since the choir's inception more
6 than 15 years ago; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Mass Choir has gloriously represented Georgia before the world
8 at events such as the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, in major motion pictures such as *The*
9 *Preacher's Wife*, and on television programs such as *Saturday Night Live*, the *Today Show*,
10 and *Good Morning America*; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Mass Choir is not only the predominant vocal gospel powerhouse
12 of this state but is also an important cultural icon; and

13 WHEREAS, the Georgia Mass Choir has been celebrated and recognized year after year for
14 its talent and contributions with Stellar, Grammy, and Dove Award nominations for its
15 recorded hits on its eight spectacular albums; and

16 WHEREAS, as the Georgia Mass Choir has added immeasurably to the cultural, economic,
17 and social development of Georgia, it is only fitting that the Georgia Mass Choir be
18 recognized as Georgia's official mass choir.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

20 **SECTION 1.**

21 Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
22 symbols, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

23 "50-3-86.

24 The Georgia Mass Choir is designated as Georgia's official mass choir."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.