

Senate Resolution 50

By: Senators Grant of the 25th and Davis of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Springfield Missionary Baptist Church on its recognition by
2 the Georgia Historic Society; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church has been recognized by the Georgia
4 Historic Society as the oldest African American church in Greene County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church was established in January, 1864, during
6 the height of the Civil War, and the church became a place of faith and hope for numerous
7 African Americans after President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation
8 Proclamation; and

9 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
10 original worshipers of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing
11 a rich tradition and history; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past two centuries, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church has grown
13 under the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to
14 spread throughout the community; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1987 the church was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places by the
16 United States Department of Interior's National Park Service; and

17 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
18 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
19 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

20 WHEREAS, members of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church have a sincere desire to
21 serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
23 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
24 on behalf of persons in need.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize the rich history of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, congratulate its
27 members on being recognized by the Georgia Historic Society, and extend their warmest best
28 wishes for its continued growth and success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Springfield Missionary Baptist Church's
31 Reverend James C. Tazel, Jr.