

Senate Resolution 194

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy" Williams, Jr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy" Williams, Jr., has demonstrated his
4 commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and
5 addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Georgia, Reverend Williams graduated from Jenkins
7 High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Savannah State College, and studied religious
8 education at the Billy Graham School of Evangelism and Beeson Divinity School; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams serves as pastor of Savannah's First Tabernacle Missionary
10 Baptist Church and is the former pastor of First African Missionary Baptist Church in
11 Claxton, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist
13 Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and
14 serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

15 WHEREAS, as leader of First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Williams
16 has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual and
17 educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams serves as music director for the General Missionary Baptist
19 Convention of Georgia, assistant chapter representative for the Gospel Music Workshop of
20 America, and is the former vice president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.,
21 Music Auxiliary; and

22 WHEREAS, he has over 40 years of church music leadership experience and received the
23 Gospel Music Legend Award from the National Baptist Convention Music Auxiliary in
24 2010; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams is united in love and marriage to Linda G. Williams and has
26 been blessed with seven remarkable children; and

27 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
28 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
29 humanitarian, Reverend Williams serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy" Williams, Jr., on his service to his congregation
35 and the Lord and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
36 leadership.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Clarence "Teddy"
39 Williams, Jr.