

Senate Resolution 425

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dixon Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 55th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Dixon Grove Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1956 by the late Reverend John Arthur Dixon, Dixon Grove
7 Baptist Church has grown over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, the cornerstone of Dixon Grove Baptist Church's current location in Jonesboro,
10 Georgia, was laid in 1959 by Deacon Eddie Cloud, the late Clem Davenport, the late Willie
11 Boyce, Sr., the late Johnny Boyce, the late James Dixon, the late Walter Dixon, and the late
12 Marvin Dixon; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Dixon went on to pastor the church for 20 years, and after his passing,
14 the Lord sent the young, energetic James Edward Harris to minister the flock of Dixon Grove
15 Baptist Church; and

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

19 WHEREAS, in 2002, as the congregation celebrated its 46th anniversary, the church broke
20 ground on its new building; and

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

23 WHEREAS, in 2011, Dixon Grove Baptist Church celebrates its 55th anniversary with
24 homecoming events and worship services, inviting all current and former members, friends,
25 and community associates to celebrate; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the rich history of Dixon Grove Baptist Church, commend its 55 years of dedicated
31 service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued
32 growth and success.

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 Dixon Grove Baptist Church's Reverend
35 James Edward Harris.