

Senate Resolution 439

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion  
2 of its 142nd anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in March, 2011, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church celebrates its  
4 142nd year of faithful worship since the church was first organized; and

5 WHEREAS, since its founding, Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church has known some  
6 of the Lord's finest servants, beginning with the leadership of Pastor Albert Campbell, Pastor  
7 Frank Deloney, and Pastor E.W. Hoyt; and

8 WHEREAS, shortly after Pastor Hoyt answered his summons for eternal rest on August 1,  
9 1956, the church building was unfortunately destroyed by fire, but the congregation  
10 persevered through the grace of God and the wonderful hospitality of Mount Calvary Baptist  
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, the church was rebuilt in 1958 under the leadership of Pastor W.M. Hall, and  
13 the church experienced a time of great revival that continued through the watchful  
14 stewardship of Pastor Nehemiah Collins, Sr.; and

15 WHEREAS, under the leadership of a former pastor, the church has been blessed with a  
16 number of new additions, including the purchase of a 32-passenger bus, a new audio sound  
17 system, and a lighted display for the church's exterior; and

18 WHEREAS, over the span of its many years, this congregation has experienced occasions  
19 for both jubilation and sorrow, but their church has remained a symbol of the spirit and  
20 lifeblood of the community during three different centuries of Georgia history.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 recognize the rich history of Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, congratulate it on

23 the occasion of its 142nd anniversary, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued  
24 growth and success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist  
27 Church.