

Senate Resolution 637

By: Senator Davis of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr., was born on April 18, 1936, in Beaumont, Texas,
3 and this year, he enjoys the distinction of celebrating his 75th birthday; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Southern University, a
5 master's degree from Vander-Cook College of Music, and a doctoral degree from
6 Southeastern University, and he completed post graduate studies at Georgia Southern
7 University, the University of South Carolina, and Central Connecticut State University; and

8 WHEREAS, he was the first African American student to enroll in Georgia Southern
9 University and, in honor of this historical and ground-breaking achievement, a
10 commemorative plaque and oak tree were placed on the school's campus in his honor; and

11 WHEREAS, under Dr. Bradley's and Dr. Wayne Hoey's direction, the Augusta State
12 University Conservatory Jazz Band was founded in 1998 to provide students in the Central
13 River Area with the opportunity to perform jazz music and gain exposure to various jazz
14 styles; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley conducts the Augusta State University Conservatory Jazz Band and
16 the Richmond County School System All-County Jazz Band; and

17 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Doc," Dr. Bradley's students credit him with
18 improving their musical skills and inspiring them to attend colleges and universities to pursue
19 careers in music education; and

20 WHEREAS, a survivor of cancer and a massive heart attack, Dr. Bradley always
21 demonstrates an unquestionable love of and passion for jazz music and providing students
22 with quality jazz music experiences; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Bradley is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Winnette W.
24 Bradley, who serves as the director of alternative education for the Richmond County School
25 System; and

26 WHEREAS, by the example Dr. Bradley has made of his life, he makes this world a better
27 place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized
28 during this very special and memorable time of his life.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr., for his loving and dedicated service to the members
31 of his family and the students of Georgia, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his
32 75th birthday, and extend to him best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Dr. John "Doc" Bradley, Sr.