

Senate Resolution 1191

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th and others

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Robert Michael Franklin upon the occasion of his  
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin is the tenth president of Morehouse College, the  
4 nation's largest private, four-year liberal arts college for men; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Morehouse College in 1975 with a degree  
6 in political science and religion, Dr. Franklin earned a master's degree of divinity in Christian  
7 social ethics and pastoral care from Harvard Divinity School, and a doctorate degree from  
8 the University of Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin's vast career in education has included positions with the  
10 University of Chicago, Harvard Divinity School, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and  
11 Emory University's Candler School of Theology; and

12 WHEREAS, a celebrated author as well as a fine educator, Dr. Franklin has also served as  
13 a program officer in human rights and social justice at the Ford Foundation, and is a  
14 contributing commentator for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and Atlanta  
15 Interfaith Broadcasting Television; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin serves as a role model with his community involvement in such  
17 organizations as the Atlanta Rotary Club, Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, Leadership Atlanta,  
18 Community Foundation of Metro Atlanta, the Joint Center for Political and Economic  
19 Studies, Character Education Partnership, and Congress of National Black Churches; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin is united in love and marriage to Dr. Cheryl Goffney Franklin and  
21 is the father of three remarkable children, Imani, Robert, and Julian; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a distinguished and learned citizen  
23 as the leader of an institution that provides quality education for this state's young leaders.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
25 commend the leadership and guidance of Morehouse College's President, Dr. Robert Michael  
26 Franklin, congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him their  
27 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert Michael Franklin.