

Senate Resolution 1292

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Leroy Barber's initiative, "Green My Hood"; and for
2 other purposes

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Leroy Barber, founder of "Green My Hood" in Atlanta, has dedicated
4 more than 20 years to eradicating poverty, confronting homelessness, restoring local
5 neighborhoods, healing racism, and living by what Dr. King called, "the beloved
6 community"; and

7 WHEREAS, he pastors a church in inner-city Atlanta and is president of Mission Year, a
8 national urban initiative introducing 18-29 year olds to mission and communal living in city
9 centers for one year of their lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Barber, drawing from Biblical inspiration, realized that environmental
11 issues in his community, Historic South Atlanta, are a part of structural injustice and
12 dedicated himself to solving this injustice; and

13 WHEREAS, inner-city and impoverished African American children are more likely to
14 suffer from asthma, be killed from asthma, suffer pedestrian fatalities, and suffer the effects
15 of lead paint; and

16 WHEREAS, a pastor and leader in the African American community, Pastor Barber has
17 dedicated himself to fighting these environmental injustices; and

18 WHEREAS, amidst a toxic waste facility, a trash transfer station, chemical plants, an
19 impoundment lot for towed vehicles, freight operations, trucking operations, antiquated
20 sewer systems, dilapidated homes with lead paint, and illegal dumping, Pastor Barber created
21 the "Green My Hood" program to empower residents and volunteers alike to clean up their
22 neighborhood and become a community of stewards to the Earth; and

23 WHEREAS, through the creation of community gardens, organized neighborhood clean-up
24 days, planned electronics and tire recycling days, and through prearranged energy efficient
25 lightbulb donations to seniors in his neighborhood, Pastor Barber has begun to fulfill his
26 mission; and

27 WHEREAS, Pastor Barber's sincere commitment to justice has allowed him to begin a
28 transformation of his community through his "Green My Hood" program, and it is
29 abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend Pastor Leroy Barber and his "Green My Hood" program for striving to dismantle
32 structural injustice and their extraordinary contributions to the community and the State of
33 Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Leroy Barber.