

Senate Resolution 1324

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. C.T. Vivian; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. C.T. Vivian is the founder of BASIC Diversity, Inc., a full-service diversity
3 consultancy that has been operating nationally for 35 years, and the founder of C.T. Vivian
4 Leadership Institute, Inc., an organization created to model leadership culture for the purpose
5 of training and educating the new generation of grassroots leaders inspired to mobilize a
6 constituency; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he is best known for his work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was the
8 national director of affiliates and strategist for every Southern Christian Leadership
9 Conference organization; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Dr. Vivian trained ministers and developed the urban curriculum for seminaries
11 throughout the nation at the Urban Training Center in Chicago; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as part of the team of religious advisors to President Barack Obama
13 during his successful 2008 campaign, has advised foreign heads of state, and has addressed
14 the United Nations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the New School for Social Research presented Dr. Vivian with an honorary
16 doctorate, calling him "an apostle of social justice" in "the vanguard of the struggle for racial
17 equality in America"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, an exceptional Georgian and civil rights leader, Dr. Vivian truly helped change
19 the nation, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
20 this distinguished man be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Dr. C.T. Vivian for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated contributions
23 to the citizens of the State of Georgia and the nation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. C.T. Vivian.