

Senate Resolution 1363

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Lil Willie Johnson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lil Willie Johnson started singing as a child in church and from there his
3 musical career expanded to singing with the likes of well-known Gospel, R&B, and Blues
4 singers, including Betty Wright, Tyrone Davis, Marvin Sease, Clarence Thomas, and Bobby
5 Blue Bland; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he moved to Savannah in 1959 and toured with Gospel groups such as the
7 Mighty Clouds of Joy, Willie Banks and the Messengers, the Morning Stars, the Swan
8 Silvertones, the Soul Stirrers, and Reverend Julius Cheeks and the Sensational Knights; and
- 9 WHEREAS, at the age of 25, Lil Willie Johnson moved into the realm of soul music and
10 performed with Lil Willie and the Showtime Band; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he felt the need to change direction and focused his attention to ministry; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Lil Willie received his certification of ordination, becoming a minister of the
13 Gospel and a servant of Christ on September 10, 2006; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has been in ministry for over five years and exemplifies the power of God
15 with every move he makes; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Carolyn Nesbitt, with whom he opened Lil
17 Willie's Hairstyling Salon in the late 1980s; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
19 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend Lil Willie Johnson on his amazing music career and extend to him their sincere
22 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lil Willie Johnson.