

Senate Resolution 41EX

By: Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th and others

A RESOLUTION

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2 Recognizing and commending His Excellency Dr. Godswill Obot Akpabio; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, His Excellency Dr. Godswill Obot Akpabio is a graduate of Federal
5 Government College, the University of Calabar, and the Nigeria Law School; and

6 WHEREAS, a disciplined, hard working, and humble person, Dr. Godswill Akpabio has
7 worked as a teacher at Afaha Secondary School, an associate partner with the law firm of
8 Paul Usoro & Co., and the director of corporate affairs/legal services and acting managing
9 director/chief executive for EMIS Telecoms; and

10 WHEREAS, his experience in public service includes Commissioner for Petroleum and
11 Natural Resources, Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, and
12 Commissioner for Lands and Housing for Akwa Ibom State; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Godswill Akpabio has been recognized with numerous honors and
14 accolades, including Most Outstanding Commissioner in Akwa Ibom State in 2005 and a
15 Man of the Year Award from Niger Delta Leadership Award, and he holds the title of
16 Iberedem Ibibio and numerous Chieftaincy titles; and

17 WHEREAS, his reputation in government circles is synonymous with words such as
18 "continuity," "hope," and "good governance"; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Godswill Akpabio envisions the Akwa Ibom State with a vibrant
20 empowered populace in a striving private sector economy, acting as a catalyst to Nigeria
21 industrial revolution; and

22 WHEREAS, he is desirous of creating a dynamic, prosperous, and productive populace,
23 where equal opportunity, justice, social, political equity, and harmony prevails among all
24 nationalities and geopolitical zones in the Akwa Ibom State; and

25 WHEREAS, he has promoted unity among ethnic groups throughout the Akwa Ibom State
26 and abroad, facilitated and developed a proactive government environment with massive
27 transformation of physical and human development, and supported women's progress and
28 earned the assurance of the support of Akwa Ibom women; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Godswill Akpabio's policy making efforts toward the youth have earned
30 him the respect and support of The Reformers for the Youths of Akwa Ibom State; and

31 WHEREAS, he received a well deserved honorary citizens award; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
33 this distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that His Excellency Dr.
35 Godswill Obot Akpabio is commended on his years of dedicated service to the people of
36 Akwa Ibom State, congratulated upon his recent election as Governor, and welcomed to the
37 United States.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to His Excellency Dr. Godswill Obot
40 Akpabio.