

Senate Resolution 68EX

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Denise Walton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Denise Walton, who has led South Columbus United Methodist  
3 Church since June, 2009, has been named by the South Georgia Conference to become the  
4 district superintendent in Dublin, Georgia, in June, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, she was the first woman to lead South Columbus United Methodist Church;  
6 and.

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Walton will replace Reverend Richard Varnell, who is moving to the  
8 churches in Gray and Clinton, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Walton credits much of her success to her mentor, Reverend Joe  
10 Roberson, the former South Columbus United Methodist Church pastor who was the  
11 Statesboro district superintendent when he was killed in a car accident in November, 2009;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Walton attended Allen Temple AME as a young girl and became a  
14 United Methodist after visiting South Columbus United Methodist Church and meeting  
15 Reverend Roberson.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
17 commend Reverend Denise Walton for her many accomplishments and for her service to her  
18 community.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Denise Walton.