

## Senate Resolution 18

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Chance of the 16th, Ramsey, Sr. Of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 80th birthday of Louis W. Pointer, Chaplain Colonel (Retired);
- 2 and for other purposes.
  
- 3 WHEREAS, Louis W. Pointer was born on February 16, 1933; and
  
- 4 WHEREAS, Louis W. Pointer proudly served his country for 28 years in the United States Army Chaplain Corps, his prestigious military career starting with a tour in Southeast Asia, Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, as Chaplain of the 191st Ordnance Battalion, where he was awarded the Bronze Star medal; and
  
- 8 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman continued his selfless service by traveling to Epinal, France, twice, to participate in the memorial service honoring World War II soldiers who had lost their lives in France; and
  
- 11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Louis W. Pointer's military career extends across the United States and several duty stations abroad, touching the lives of many soldiers, spouses, and local communities as a Chaplain, a Comrade, a Father Figure, and a Citizen Soldier; and
  
- 15 WHEREAS, his last assignment was as Chief of Chaplains at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in Fort Bliss, Texas, and in 1996, he retired from the Army and accepted a Pastoral position at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in El Paso, Texas, which he held until July 2004; and
  
- 19 WHEREAS, in addition to serving his country, he also served his community by holding positions such as President or Vice President of Parent Teacher Associations or Advisory Councils, Community Civic Committees and Associations, the United Services Organization Council, Trustee Board of the North Carolina General Baptist State Convention, and Vice

23 President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during his  
24 military duty in Aschaffenburg, Germany; and

25 WHEREAS, he holds several military honors and awards as well as multiple degrees and  
26 currently resides in Fayetteville, Georgia, with his wife, Florence; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made of his life,  
29 makes the world a better place in which to live; and it is only fitting and proper that he be  
30 appropriately recognized during this special time of his life.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 join in honoring Louis W. Pointer on the occasion of his 80th birthday and wishing him  
33 many more years of happiness.

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 Louis W. Pointer.