

Senate Resolution 119

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Chance of the 16th, Davis of the 22nd, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Canton Jones on the distinction of being appointed Student
2 Pastor of New Hope Church in Fayetteville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Canton Jones, who has served New Hope Church at Alive Student ministries
4 since the summer of 2012, has demonstrated his commitment of fostering the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of the community's youth by providing
6 exciting and engaging activities; and

7 WHEREAS, this visionary's faith and commitment to the word of God extends far beyond
8 the contributions at New Hope Church – Canton Jones has acquired numerous distinctions
9 and awards for his musical talents; and

10 WHEREAS, he was introduced to music early, signing with a local quartet founded by his
11 father by the age of five; by the age of 16, he was producing his own tracks and those of
12 other local artists; and

13 WHEREAS, at Morehouse College, he began singing with the school's world-renowned glee
14 club, launching his career; he was the featured performer in the Opening Ceremonies of the
15 1996 Olympic Games, sang in the first Gospel concert held at the Pentagon, and performed
16 for the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Stevie Wonder, and the late Ray Charles; and

17 WHEREAS, after releasing the grassroots success *20 Years. 3 Months. & 12 Days*, Canton
18 Jones released the critically acclaimed *The Password*, which paved the way for two Grammy
19 nominations and his newest album *Love Jones*; this distinguished gentleman also has
20 received a Stellar Award nomination and three Gospel Choice awards; and

21 WHEREAS, Canton Jones is married to the love of his life, Ramona, and they have two
22 wonderful children, daughter Love Jones and son Dominion Jones; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
25 to the community.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 congratulate the ministerial ordination of Canton Jones as Student Pastor at New Hope
28 Church and extend best wishes for future success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Canton Jones.