

Senate Resolution 268

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Benny Tate; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a graduate of Andersonville Theological College, Covington Theological  
3 Seminary, and Wesley College, Dr. Benny Tate serves as president of the Congregational  
4 Methodist Denomination, hosts the *Apples of Gold* radio program, and has authored *One*  
5 *More Night With the Frogs; Happy Wife, Happy Life; and When You Follow a Star and Find*  
6 *a Stable*; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has been united in love and marriage for more than 25 years to his  
8 wife, Barbara, and the couple is blessed with one remarkable daughter, Savannah Abigail;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Tate has served many times as the Chaplain for the United States Senate  
11 and the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.; and

12 WHEREAS, a highly sought-after evangelist and gifted motivational speaker, Dr. Tate has  
13 spoken to major corporations such as Delta Air Lines, Blue Bird Corporation, ServiceMaster,  
14 Gold Kist, and Chick-fil-A and has been a guest speaker at Liberty University, Asbury  
15 College, Beulah Heights University, Ohio Christian University, and Mercer University; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Benny Tate has served for over 20 years as the Senior Pastor of Rock  
17 Springs Church in Milner, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, under his significant organizational and leadership talents, the church has grown  
19 from 50 in attendance to more than 5,000; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dr. Tate has helped to establish new ministries at Rock  
21 Springs Church, including the Rock Springs Medical Clinic, which provides medical  
22 treatment to anyone unable to afford medical insurance and is completely staffed by

23 volunteer doctors, nurses, and office staff; The Potter's House, which ministers to women  
24 who are battling drug and alcohol addictions and/or physical abuse and seeks to provide  
25 education and life skills to better equip these women as they return to life outside of jail and  
26 free from their addictions; the Rock Springs Christian Academy, which strives to provide a  
27 quality education to children of any economic status; and Impact Street Ministries in  
28 Barnesville, Georgia, an extension of Rock Springs Church that ministers to the homeless  
29 by serving meals six days a week and providing clothing to anyone in need; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
31 remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Dr. Benny Tate for his dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia and  
34 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Benny Tate.