

Senate Resolution 456

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dottie Peoples for her outstanding accomplishments and on
2 her Lifetime Achievement award from the Allstate Gospel Superfest; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dottie Peoples, an American gospel vocalist, songwriter, producer, tour
4 director, businesswoman, and spokesperson, has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement
5 award for her amazing talent and her contributions to the world of gospel music; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Dayton, Ohio, she began singing at the age of nine; and after high
7 school, she toured with gospel pioneer Dorothy Norwood, opening for The Rolling Stones
8 and Stevie Wonder; and

9 WHEREAS, later, she toured with Shirley Caesar and briefly joined a jazz ensemble,
10 performing in various venues across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, unhappy singing secular music, she relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, and returned
12 to her gospel roots, persuading her reverend at the Salem Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia,
13 to start Church Door Records, a label that produced her 1984 debut album; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1990 she developed her own show, *The Dottie Peoples Showcase*, on radio
15 station WAOK, and in 1991, she signed with Atlanta International Records; and

16 WHEREAS, this extraordinary visionary has 56 prestigious awards, nominations, and
17 recognitions, including Stellar awards, Vision awards, and an NAACP Phoenix award to go
18 along with her countless television appearances, tours, and special performances; and

19 WHEREAS, the "Songbird of the South" embodies the spirit of God's message through her
20 uplifting and inspiring voice, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that her iconic work and
21 presence be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize Dottie Peoples on her outstanding accomplishments and commend her on her
24 Lifetime Achievement award from the Allstate Gospel Superfest.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dottie Peoples.