

Senate Resolution 640

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Preston Warren Williams II; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Bishop Preston Warren Williams II is the 119th consecrated bishop of the
3 African Methodist Episcopal Church and, in July of 2012, was appointed by the
4 Connectional A.M.E. Church to serve the 6th Episcopal District, which is the State of
5 Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, from 2012 to 2016, Bishop Williams will govern the 522 A.M.E. churches
7 throughout Georgia and will serve as chairman of the Board of Turner Theological Seminary
8 and Morris Brown College; and
- 9 WHEREAS, from 2004 to 2012, Bishop Williams served as the presiding prelate of the 7th
10 Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, which is the State of South Carolina; while working
11 with the 7th District, he implemented an innovative and transformative episcopal agenda that
12 engaged members on every level; and
- 13 WHEREAS, while serving the 7th District, Bishop Williams made several ministry minded
14 adjustments to refocus the 7th District and promote unity in the accomplishment of the core
15 missions of the church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, through the grace of God, Bishop Williams implemented an innovative and
17 inclusive episcopal agenda that touched the hearts, elevated the minds, and inspired the souls
18 of the citizens of South Carolina; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Bishop Williams has over 50 years of entrepreneurial experience as the owner
20 of an insurance agency which partnered with allied health agencies; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southeastern University and a
22 Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational

23 Theological Center; he completed further studies in the Continuing Education Program at
24 Yale University Divinity School and earned his doctorate degree from American University's
25 Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a champion of social and political action, economic empowerment, and
27 business enterprise development; he served on President Jimmy Carter's inaugural committee
28 and transitional team and is a member of the NAACP, Free and Accepted Masons, and the
29 Urban League; and

30 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to Wilma Delores Webb, and the two have
31 been blessed with four remarkable children, Arnold Andre, twin daughters Wilma Priscilla
32 and Stella Jacinta, and Prestina Delores.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Bishop Preston Warren Williams II for his outstanding dedication in following his
35 Savior, commend him on the occasion of his appointment to the 6th District, and extend to
36 him their sincere best wishes for his continued success.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Preston Warren Williams II.