

Senate Resolution 1028

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Seay of the 34th, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Deacon James Banks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Deacon James Banks on February 3, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Deacon Banks was born on July 23, 1939, in Clayton County, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of the late Deacon James C. "J.C." Banks and Mrs. Ella George Banks; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was educated in the Henry County Public Schools, worked at Time DC
7 Trucking, and retired from Colonial Trucking Industries; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Deacon Banks was a long-time member of
9 Zion Grove Baptist Church in Ellenwood and later joined Dixon Grove Baptist Church,
10 where he was an ordained deacon and member of the male choir and finance committee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Deacon Banks was united in love and marriage for 56 wonderful years to
12 Renolia Davis Banks, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Deborah and Vincent,
13 and two wonderful grandchildren; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Deacon Banks was a member of Concerned Black Citizens Coalition of Clayton
15 County where he received the Outstanding Service Award and served as co-chairperson of
16 the Clayton County Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., prayer breakfast; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
18 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
19 family and friends were admired by others; and

20 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
21 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
22 made this world a better place in which to live; and

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deacon Banks will long be remembered
24 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend
25 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Deacon James Banks and express their deepest and
28 most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of Deacon James Banks.