

Senate Resolution 1087

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Deacon William "Bubba" Henry Hunter, Sr., and expressing regret  
2 at his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Deacon William "Bubba" Henry Hunter, Sr., is received  
4 with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman rendered his name dear to the hearts  
6 of his family, friends, and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, Deacon William "Bubba" Henry Hunter, Sr., was born on December 19, 1923,  
8 to the late Witt Henry Hunter and the late Mabel Hunter. He was preceded in death by his  
9 loving and devoted wife of 70 years, Dorothy Mae Hunter; and

10 WHEREAS, at the age of ten, William joined Macedonia Baptist Church with his bride to  
11 be, Dorothy Mae, where he served as a faithful and dedicated member for 80 years. He  
12 attended Effingham County Public Schools, graduating in 1940 as Salutatorian alongside his  
13 sister Ernestine, who was Valedictorian. On May 27, 1942, William and Dorothy were  
14 united in Holy Matrimony. To their union, eight children were born. Also in 1942, he was  
15 selected as a member of the Deacon board of Macedonia Baptist Church, serving as chairman  
16 for 35 years. He was a member of Widow Son Lodge No. 396 where he was presented with  
17 a certificate of life membership on September 21, 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, William was a successful farmer, worked for Union Camp (currently  
19 International Paper), and was employed by Ratchford's Meat Manufacturing Business.  
20 Previous positions include driving a school bus for Effingham County Board of Education  
21 and running a store which was family owned and operated. On May 30, 2004, William was  
22 presented with a plaque for his historical sketch of the Pilgrim Baptist Normal Institute for  
23 Colored and his verbal history of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association. A framed copy  
24 of that sketch can be found on display at Effingham County Hospital. In 2007, he received

25 a metal shield of honor from the Fraternal Order of Police for his active support and financial  
26 contributions. William was a lifetime member of the NAACP and in January 2010, he was  
27 selected as the Humanitarian of the Year by the Effingham County Branch of the NAACP  
28 in honor of his outstanding community service in veteran affairs, education, historical  
29 accounting, religion, civic activities, political actions, and the fight for justice and equality,  
30 exemplifying the universality of humanitarianism in accordance with the Parable of the Good  
31 Samaritan, St. Luke 10:25-37; and

32 WHEREAS, in the words of William H. Hunter, Sr., "I believe in God the Father, God the  
33 Son, and God the Holy Ghost, all in one. I believe that all men were created equal with the  
34 same rights to pursue the gift of love, righteousness, and happiness"; and

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36 WHEREAS, while in life Mr. Hunter commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his  
37 death we mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family, friends, and fellow citizens.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
39 honor the memory of Deacon William "Bubba" Henry Hunter, Sr., and express their regret  
40 at his passing.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Deacon William "Bubba"  
43 Henry Hunter, Sr.