

Senate Resolution 1131

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Willie Phillips; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Willie Phillips received the Legacy Leadership Award for his  
3 commitment to improving the lives of African Americans in his community; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Phillips is the president of Winterfield on the Move Against Drugs;  
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, living just a few blocks from Club Majestic in Columbus, Georgia, Reverend  
7 Phillips has been trying for years to shut the club down due to the violent shootings that have  
8 occurred there; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he has led countless anti-violence marches against the club, which has made  
10 him and his family the target of threats; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Reverend Phillips keeps a binder of obituaries of the young people who have  
12 been killed over the years at the club, including that of Charles Foster, Jr., a young man who  
13 died as a result of gun violence at Club Majestic; and
- 14 WHEREAS, an adamant advocate for the young people of Columbus, Reverend Phillips will  
15 keep pushing for the closing of Club Majestic to prevent devastating scenarios; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Reverend Phillips has demonstrated his passion and dedication for the safety  
17 of young people in Columbus, and it is only fitting and proper that the work of this  
18 outstanding Georgian be recognized.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 recognize and commend Reverend Willie Phillips for his actions with Winterfield on the

21 Move Against Drugs, congratulate him on receiving the Legacy Leadership Award, and  
22 express to him their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Willie Phillips.