

## Senate Resolution 288

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 24th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Eddie L. Ellison; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Eddie L. Ellison has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Pastor Ellison accepted the Lord at the age of nine, and during his teenage  
6 years, he served in many auxiliaries of his home church, the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in  
7 Meriwether County; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served at Zion Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, for nine years,  
9 during which time he was president of #1 Choir, a member of the Deacon Board, and  
10 Associate Minister; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was called to serve at Promise Land Baptist Church in Atlanta, where he  
12 worked with the pastor to increase the membership tremendously and assisted with  
13 renovations and rebuilding of the church; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he became pastor of Norman Grove Baptist Church in 1979, and he continues  
15 to faithfully serve that congregation; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Norman Grove Baptist Church grow in size  
17 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual  
18 leader and place for fellowship; and
- 19 WHEREAS, under Pastor Ellison's tenure, the church has seen an increase in active  
20 members, the establishment of over 25 ministries, the licensing and ordination of more than  
21 23 ministers, renovations and additions to the church, and the acquisition of land, including  
22 the House of Hope and several other plots of land around the church; and

23 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
24 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
25 humanitarian, Pastor Ellison serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
27 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
28 on behalf of persons in need.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 commend Pastor Eddie L. Ellison on his many years of faithful service to the Lord and  
31 extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Eddie L.  
34 Ellison.