

Senate Resolution 395

By: Senator Jones of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Willie Jackson on the grand occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Willie Jackson has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson has had a long and illustrious career in the ministry as pastor
7 of Peoples Baptist Church from 1983-1985, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church from
8 1986-2006, and pastor of Christ Centered Outreach Ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson was born in Augusta, Georgia, attended the Richmond County
10 public school system, and graduated from Paine College before spending a career in the
11 ministry in Augusta, and as a lifelong Augustan, Bishop Jackson is a strong and steady pillar
12 of the community; and

13 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson has contributed to many civic and religious organizations, has
14 served as a board member of the National Association of Christian Educators, a Dean and
15 Instructor at Lahairoi Biblical College, and a lifelong member of the NAACP; and

16 WHEREAS, he has received many honors throughout his career, including an honorary
17 doctorate from Lahairoi Biblical College and being named the Morehouse School of Religion
18 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
20 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
21 humanitarian, Bishop Willie Jackson serves as a shining example of God's righteous path;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Jackson is a source of
24 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 congratulate Bishop Willie Jackson upon the wonderful occasion of his retirement and extend
30 their most sincere best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop Willie
33 Jackson.