

## Senate Resolution 801

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend James E. Taylor; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Taylor has worked untiringly to ease tensions associated  
3 with school desegregation; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Taylor served as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Chatham  
5 Council on Human Relations, improving learning readiness of preschool children in  
6 low-income minority families through the Early Bird Program and helping organize  
7 after-school programs which enabled black and white students to work cooperatively in  
8 academic and enrichment activities; and

9 WHEREAS, he was an effective U.S. History teacher at the predominately white H.V.  
10 Jenkins High School and became the school's first black assistant principal in 1971, where  
11 he worked to promote understanding, goodwill, and cooperation in a turbulent environment;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, a selfless and devoted man, Reverend Taylor has served as president of the  
14 Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Emancipation Association of Savannah,  
15 Georgia and Vicinity, Inc., and the Evangelical Minister's Union and served on the Board of  
16 Directors of United Way of the Coastal Empire and Committee of Volunteers of the  
17 American Red Cross; and

18 WHEREAS, he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ralph Mark  
19 Gilbert Civil Rights Museum and on the Board of Directors of the Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
20 Observance Day Association, Inc., where he inaugurated the Memorial March of the Clergy  
21 in the late 1990s; and

22 WHEREAS, a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Reverend Taylor lectured at Cuttington  
23 University College, Liberia, West Africa, from 1975-1977 and joined other Peace Corps  
24 Volunteers in receiving the coveted Beyond War Award in 1987; and

25 WHEREAS, he is highly involved in his community as a member of the NAACP, a  
26 published author, a Georgia Master Gardener, and a member of the Advisory Board of  
27 Friends of Coastal Gardens; and

28 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Taylor is a presiding elder of the  
29 Savannah West District of the AME Church and Interim Pastor of St. Philip Monumental  
30 AME Church; and

31 WHEREAS, Reverend Taylor is united in love and marriage to Shirley V. Glover Taylor.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Reverend James E. Taylor for his service to the State of Georgia and wish him  
34 continued success in his work.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend James  
37 E. Taylor.