

Senate Resolution 1063

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop J.D. Means, Sr., on the occasion of his 30th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop J.D. Means, Sr., 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 Means was called by the Lord at the age of ten to pursue an untiring
7 musical career and at the age of 11, the Lord anointed him to preach the Gospel; and

8 WHEREAS, he was the youngest pastor in the state of New Jersey and, in 1986, he became
9 the Pastor of the Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church, where he continues to serve
10 as Overseer and Presiding Pastor; and

11 WHEREAS, he was licensed by the Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church and
12 ordained by the Baptist Ministers' Association of New Jersey; and

13 WHEREAS, he was consecrated on October 21, 2002, as Vice Presiding Bishop of the Body
14 of Christ International Ministries, and he also serves as Chief Presiding Prelate of One In
15 Spirit Interdenominational Fellowship USA/New Fountain Worldwide Ministries and on the
16 Ecumenical Board of Bishops for Sounds of Praise Pentecostal Fellowship Ministries
17 Worldwide, Bishop Allen H. Simmons, Sr., Presiding Prelate; and

18 WHEREAS, he now serves as Senior Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in
19 Newborn, Georgia, and as Presiding Prelate of NBIF of Covenant Churches, Inc., under the
20 leadership of Chief Apostle Melvin Goolsby; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Means has preached and worked closely across the length and breadth
22 of this country with such great pulpiteers as the late Rev. Dr. Joe Hughes, the late Rev.

23 Cleophus Robinson, Sr., Bishop Richard "Mr. Clean" White, Rev. Timothy Flemming, Rev.
24 Milton Biggham, and the "Son of Thunder" Rev. Dr. Jasper Williams, Jr.; and

25 WHEREAS, his musical talents were evident very early on, as he sang his first solo at the
26 age of four, made his first professional appearance at the age of ten at Passaic High School
27 in New Jersey, and has since sung, played, and appeared with many renowned Gospel greats;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, born in Newark, New Jersey, Bishop Means was educated in the Newark Public
30 School System, the Northeastern Theological Seminary, and Phillips Bible Institute and has
31 acquired and received numerous biblical home study courses; and

32 WHEREAS, the spiritual assistance offered by Bishop Means is a source of strength and
33 direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 congratulate Bishop J.D. Means, Sr., on the wonderful occasion of his 30th pastoral
39 anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
40 leadership.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop J.D.
43 Means, Sr.