

Senate Resolution 1074

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Jack E. Summers; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a spirit filled preacher, leader, teacher, mentor, counselor, and friend to all,
3 Pastor Jack E. Summers has demonstrated his God-given talents to pastor his flock
4 throughout the majority of his adult life; and

5 WHEREAS, born February 16, 1932, in Princeton, Indiana, Pastor Summers attended church
6 regularly and participated in various sports along with his brother; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from high school in 1950 and demonstrated his lifelong athletic
8 ability by playing professional baseball in the New York Yankee farm system as a pitcher;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, with the Korean War underway, he enlisted in the United States Air Force,
11 serving for four years, and was discharged honorably from the 463rd Troop Carrier Wing at
12 Ardmore, Oklahoma, in 1955; and

13 WHEREAS, he married Frances Louise Ellis of Atlanta, Georgia, on July 2, 1954, during his
14 service in the United States Air Force; and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Summers and Frances moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he graduated
16 from Georgia State University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree
17 and entered a management training program with New York Life Insurance, where he
18 worked for five years; and

19 WHEREAS, with a growing family, Pastor Summers was called to the ministry, making his
20 decision on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1963; and

21 WHEREAS, in January 1964, he began attending Chandler School of Theology at Emory
22 University in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating in 1967 with a Master in Divinity degree, and was
23 voted into full conference membership after satisfying all requirements; and

24 WHEREAS, Pastor Summers began serving appointments throughout Georgia for the next
25 32 years: June 26, 1964, New Hope, Palmetto; June 23, 1967, Tallapoosa First United
26 Methodist; June 20, 1970, St. John United Methodist, Augusta; June 23, 1972, Madison First
27 United Methodist; June 18, 1976, McDonough First United Methodist; June 20, 1980, Young
28 Harris Memorial United Methodist, Athens; July 1, 1984, Cornelia United Methodist; July
29 1, 1989, Pleasant Grove United Methodist, Dalton; and July 1, 1994, Avondale Pattillo
30 United Methodist, Decatur; and

31 WHEREAS, in 1996, Pastor Summers began serving Chattahoochee United Methodist in
32 Helen, a small church on a circuit that sometimes only had five or six people attending
33 Sunday service; and

34 WHEREAS, Pastor Summers, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, increased
35 attendance, created a sense of outreach ministry, and created not only a loving congregation
36 but also a spirit filled and continuously growing church family that has open arms for all who
37 come.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 recognize and commend Pastor Jack E. Summers on his many years of faithful service to the
40 Lord.

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 Pastor Jack E.
43 Summers.