

Senate Resolution 1108

By: Senator James of the 35th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Reverend Doctor Gloria Ward Wright; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Gloria Ward Wright, one of eight children, was born on  
4 March 9, 1946, in Albany, Georgia, to Mary and William H. Ward, Sr., and this year she  
5 enjoys the distinction of celebrating her 70th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, growing up in a segregated South, the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s  
7 awakened Reverend Doctor Wright's youthful ardor to fight segregation, marching with Dr.  
8 Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Charles Sherrod, and others in the Albany Movement's  
9 nonviolent demonstrations for civil rights; and

10 WHEREAS, an educator, pastor, motivational speaker, wife, and mother, Reverend Doctor  
11 Wright is a crusader for world peace and human rights, having traveled extensively to places  
12 including the Middle East, Europe, Asia, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean; and

13 WHEREAS, earning a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in psychology from  
14 Albany State College, she pursued a master's degree in educational psychology at Georgia  
15 State University and the Master of Divinity at the Interdenominational Theological  
16 Seminary; and

17 WHEREAS, she enrolled in Covington Theological Seminary to continue her studies in  
18 ministry, graduating with the Master of Ministry degree in pastoral studies in 1998; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Wright continued to pursue education and training in ministry,  
20 graduating cum laude with a Doctor of Ministry degree in pastoral studies in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Wright has had extensive training and experience in teaching,  
22 social work, psychological testing, and law enforcement for juvenile offenders; is a member

23 of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the South Atlantic Episcopal District of the  
24 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Concerned Black Clergy, of which she  
25 is a board member; is the former pastor of Simmons Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in  
26 Lawrenceville, Georgia; and is the founder and pastor of Day Spring International Ministries,  
27 Inc.; and

28 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to Daniel W. Wright, Jr., the former president  
29 of the Georgia Association of Educators, and is blessed with one son, Byron Ward Wright,  
30 who graduated from the University of West Georgia with a degree in marketing in 2005; and

31 WHEREAS, by the example Reverend Doctor Wright has made of her life, she makes this  
32 world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately  
33 recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 recognize Reverend Doctor Gloria Ward Wright, congratulate her upon the grand occasion  
36 of her 70th birthday, and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health  
37 and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Doctor  
40 Gloria Ward Wright.