

Senate Resolution 30

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins on January 9, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins was born on August 21, 1958, in Macon,  
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Andrew Rozier and Delores Collins; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans for six years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Jonathan went on to attend Columbia  
9 Southern University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/police  
10 science; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Jonathan began his police work in 1982 at the Mercer University Police  
12 Department, where he obtained the rank of Sergeant, and later went on to serve with the  
13 Macon Police Department for 20 years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Jonathan's passion for law enforcement and public service continued to thrive  
15 even after his retirement, so he joined the Macon Judicial Circuit as a Special Agent,  
16 specializing in domestic violence investigation, and was eventually appointed as Chief  
17 Investigator in 2013; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was licensed as a Minister of Gospel and  
19 served as Associate Minister at Union Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Jonathan demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing  
21 Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and  
22 spiritual needs of others during his time as Associate Minister; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Evelina, and was blessed with  
24 four remarkable children, Chidica, Jonathan, Karnika, and Andrew; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
29 for integrity, intelligence, bravery, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, an honorable and generous man, Jonathan will long be remembered for his love  
32 of family, friendship, and the City of Macon and will be missed by all who had the great  
33 fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins and express their  
36 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
39 Minister Jonathan "J.D." Collins.