

Senate Resolution 116

By: Senator Hill of the 6th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Gil Watson for his 23 years of dedicated service to the  
2 Northside United Methodist Church and on the occasion of his retirement; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Gil Watson has spent most of his life  
5 serving as a spiritual leader in his community and has held the position of senior minister of  
6 Northside United Methodist Church for the past 23 years; and

7 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
9 dramatically by his superlative service with his ministry; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Watson has devoted his time to give support to the work of multiple boards,  
11 including North Georgia Conference Board of Church and Society, North Georgia  
12 Conference Committee on Education, Board of Pensions, Conference Worship Committee,  
13 and North Georgia Committee on the Episcopacy, all committed to enhancing the  
14 community; and

15 WHEREAS, he participated in the Malihambi Mission of the Methodist Conference of South  
16 Africa, where he preached in the first racially integrated services in South Africa; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Watson conducted Governor Sonny Perdue's inaugural prayer  
18 service at Northside United Methodist Church and that same year offered prayer at the  
19 Georgia Republican Convention; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
21 integrity, intelligence, faithfulness, and kindness; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Watson has served with honor and distinction with Northside United  
23 Methodist Church, and his vision and unyielding commitment to his community and  
24 congregation will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the tremendous efforts of this  
26 distinguished leader and exemplary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend Dr. Gil Watson for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated  
29 pastoral service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his  
30 retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Gil Watson.