

Senate Resolution 431

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Antioch Baptist Church North on the occasion of its 140th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Antioch Baptist Church North have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1877, Antioch Baptist Church North has grown under the divine
7 direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout
8 the community; and

9 WHEREAS, for five generations, the congregational family has nurtured thousands of
10 persons who have been counted among the least, the last, and the lost; and

11 WHEREAS, Antioch Baptist Church North started out with humble beginnings with the
12 congregation's earliest meetings and worship services held outside or in a one-room structure;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the names of the very earliest ministers who nurtured and served as pastors of
15 the young Antioch congregation include Reverend Jerry Davis, Reverend Harris, Reverend
16 Briscoe, Reverend B.T. Harvey, and Reverend Alfred Williams; and

17 WHEREAS, the current pastor, Reverend Cameron Madison Alexander, has faithfully led
18 Antioch Baptist Church North since 1969, his successes for the church include expanding the
19 congregation and full-time employees, relocating the church to Southwest Atlanta, and the
20 creation of the Gateway Apartment Community, 261 affordable quality housing units on
21 Northside Drive; and

22 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
23 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
24 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of Antioch Baptist Church North have a sincere desire to serve the
26 Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

27 WHEREAS, Antioch Baptist Church North celebrates its 140th anniversary with
28 homecoming events and worship services and invites all current and former members,
29 friends, and community associates to celebrate; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize the rich history of Antioch Baptist Church North, commend its 140 years of
35 dedicated service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its
36 continued growth and success.

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 Antioch Baptist
39 Church North.