

Senate Resolution 460

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Gregory Anthony Sutton; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Gregory Anthony Sutton has demonstrated his commitment to
4 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, at the young age of 18 years, Reverend Sutton was called to pastor a growing
7 metropolitan church, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, where he has pastored for more than
8 41 years; and

9 WHEREAS, through his leadership, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church has continued to grow
10 and expand with the construction of two new churches and now hosts a membership of more
11 than 6,000 worshipers; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Sutton is a respected and highly recognized spiritual leader,
13 theological ambassador, religious mentor, and community activist who is dedicated to the
14 awareness, protection, and spiritual development of young people; and

15 WHEREAS, he also embraces and values the wisdom of the elderly and utilizes them
16 throughout the church's ministries; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Sutton reaches out to the community locally and regionally through
18 his weekly television broadcast, "Now Is The Time," and his messages reach people who are
19 home-bound or hospitalized as well as those in convalescent homes or behind prison walls;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, whether his task is to prepare a sermon, visit the sick, counsel the troubled,
22 baptize a new believer, or serve as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian,
23 Reverend Sutton is a shining example to others to follow God's righteous path; and

24 WHEREAS, this accomplished community servant has received many awards, citations, and
25 commendations, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring Messenger of God
26 be appropriately honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Gregory Anthony Sutton for his many good works to
29 improve the spiritual growth of his church and the surrounding community.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Dr.
32 Gregory Anthony Sutton.