

Senate Resolution 754

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Mullis of the 53rd, Kirk of the 13th, Thompson of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) on the
2 grand occasion of its 150th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) is a loving, caring,
4 accepting, and healing church, whose mission it is to help people, to improve quality of life
5 for those seeking Jesus Christ, and to plant a seed of spiritual growth both inside and outside
6 the walls of the church; and

7 WHEREAS, AMEC started out as a grape arbor congregation shortly after its emancipation
8 in 1866, when it began to send missionaries to the South; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1868, this grape arbor church obtained property on Spring Street on behalf
10 of Mr. Peter Patrick for 50 dollars, and thus became Bethel African Methodist Episcopal
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, AMEC is the oldest black church in Dalton, Georgia, and will be celebrating
13 the monumental occasion of its 150th church anniversary on Sunday, February 25, 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the legacy and cultural significance of
15 this exemplary church be honored, and that the members of this body extend sincere best
16 wishes for continued success.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 recognize and commend Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) on the grand
19 occasion of its 150th anniversary.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bethel African
22 Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC).