

Senate Resolution 797

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Johnny B. Curtis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Johnny B. Curtis has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
3 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others in the Griffin-Spalding community;  
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was born in Pike County, educated there, and graduated from Pike County  
7 Consolidated Schools in 1958; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Reverend Curtis worked to promote racial equality and integration of the Pike  
9 County School System by participating in marches and sit-ins; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he began singing and songwriting professionally as a teenager and his career  
11 took him throughout the State of Georgia and the southern region; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Reverend Curtis was  
13 called by the Lord 39 years ago to lead the congregation of Mount Nebo Community Baptist  
14 Church of Griffin, Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Mount Nebo Community Baptist Church  
16 grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving  
17 as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
- 18 WHEREAS, over the past four decades leading Mount Nebo Community Baptist Church,  
19 Reverend Curtis has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved  
20 the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

21 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
22 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
23 humanitarian, Reverend Curtis serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

24 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Curtis is a source of  
25 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life, and he has licensed, ordained, and  
26 mentored more than 100 ministers of the Gospel ministry; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments  
28 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious man.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize and commend Reverend Johnny B. Curtis for his enduring example of God's  
31 message of peace and love and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
32 fellowship and leadership.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend  
35 Johnny B. Curtis.