

Senate Resolution 880

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Superintendent Emeritus Elder Oliver C. Walton; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Superintendent Emeritus Elder Oliver C. Walton has long been recognized by
4 the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walton was born in Round Oak, Georgia, on July 19, 1924, one of 13
7 beloved children of Reverend Riley and Rosa Walton; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Army during World War II, and upon his honorable discharge from active duty, he
10 worked for Warner Robins Air Force Base from 1951 to 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Walton was ordained by the Church of
12 God in Christ in 1962 and has served as pastor of numerous churches; and

13 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to the Church of God in Christ,
14 where he has served as district chairman of the Macon District for 14 years, District
15 Superintendent for eight years, and District Finance Officer; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Walton has a strong sense of civic duty, having never missed voting in a
17 local election since 1946 and voting in every national election but one during those years,
18 only failing to cast a vote because he was in the intensive care unit; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Walton was united in love and marriage to Mattie Ruth Catchings on April
20 5, 1948, and they were blessed with the joy of 11 children, 13 grandchildren, and seven
21 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
23 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Superintendent Emeritus Elder Oliver C. Walton for his efficient,
28 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the Lord and his community and extend to him
29 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Superintendent
32 Emeritus Elder Oliver C. Walton.