

Senate Resolution 312

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Williams of the 39th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Norman H. Thomas, Jr., on the occasion of his 10th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Norman H. Thomas, Jr., 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, Reverend Thomas has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His
7 messenger to do His will; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Baptist Church of Gresham Road
9 grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving
10 as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past decade leading First Baptist Church of Gresham Road, Reverend
12 Thomas has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the
13 spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
16 humanitarian, Reverend Thomas has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly
17 reflective of divine guidance; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Thomas is a source of
19 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend Reverend Norman H. Thomas, Jr., on the wonderful occasion of his
24 10th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
25 fellowship and leadership.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Norman
28 H. Thomas, Jr.