

Senate Resolution 384

By: Senator Davenport of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dixon Grove Baptist Church on the occasion of its 63rd
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Dixon Grove Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich
5 tradition and history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized in 1956 by the late Reverend John Arthur Dixon, Dixon Grove
7 Baptist Church has grown over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, the cornerstone of Dixon Grove Baptist Church's current location in Jonesboro,
10 Georgia, was laid in 1959 by Deacon Eddie Cloud, the late Clem Davenport, the late Willie
11 Boyce, Sr., the late Johnny Boyce, the late James Dixon, the late Walter Dixon, and the late
12 Marvin Dixon; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Dixon went on to pastor the church for 20 years, and after his passing,
14 the Lord sent the young, energetic James Edward Harris to minister the flock of Dixon Grove
15 Baptist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
17 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through
18 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2002, as the congregation celebrated its 46th anniversary, the church broke
20 ground on its new building; and

21 WHEREAS, since moving into its new edifice in 2002, Dixon Grove Baptist Church has
22 been honored with visits from renowned guests, including Rev. Joseph Lowery, Civil Rights

23 activist; Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., Rainbow PUSH Coalition Founder/President; Charles "A
24 Train" Drysden, Tuskegee Airman; Dr. Barbara Pulliam, Clayton County Public School
25 System Superintendent; Troy Ramey & The Soul Searchers; Katie Sankey; Ruben Studdard;
26 James Bignon; Deitrick Hadden; BIU (Brothers In Unity); and Marvin Sapp, as well as many
27 local talented Christian artists; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
29 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for its innumerable good works rendered
30 on behalf of persons in need.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize the rich history of Dixon Grove Baptist Church, commend its 63 years of dedicated
33 service to the Lord and community, and extend their warmest best wishes for its continued
34 growth and success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dixon Grove
37 Baptist Church's Reverend James Edward Harris.