

## Senate Resolution 687

By: Senators James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Harbison of the 15th, Karinshak of the 48th, Seay of the 34th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Albert E. Love; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Reverend Albert E. Love on December 23, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Albert E. Love was born on August 2, 1945, in Durham, North  
5 Carolina, a beloved son of Herbert and Geneva Richmond; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life in service and for the improvement of his community,  
7 regularly crossing all divisions to extend his spirit of unity and comradery; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Love was an active member of his  
9 community and church for decades, first as a deacon and then as a minister at Wheat Street  
10 Baptist Church before becoming the founding pastor of Boatrock Baptist Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he worked extensively within several religious organizations, such as The  
12 Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Christian Council of Metro Atlanta, as  
13 well as political organizations, a founding member of the Concerned Black Clergy of Metro  
14 Atlanta as well as his time working for Representative John Lewis; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he enrolled at St. Augustine's College where he would meet his future wife,  
16 Juanita Sneed, during freshman orientation. They married in 1970; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
18 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Reverend Love and his wife moved to Atlanta after his discharge where he  
20 pursued a master's degree in social work from Atlanta University; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Love gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and  
22 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
23 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend Albert Love will long be  
28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Albert E. Love and express their deepest  
32 and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of  
35 Reverend Albert E. Love.