

Senate Resolution 768

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Kerwin B. Lee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Kerwin B. Lee is the senior pastor and founder of Berean Christian Church  
3 in Stone Mountain, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Berean Christian Church began in 1996 with 200 individuals and has grown to  
5 over 10,000 members; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2006, he established a second church location in Snellville, Georgia. A third  
7 campus was launched in Stockbridge, Georgia, during the latter part of 2015. All three  
8 locations have experienced phenomenal growth since their inception; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Lee's charismatic personality, contagious humor, and attitude have attracted  
10 people from all walks of life; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Lee is also the founder of "A Word for the Times Inc.," a nonprofit ministry  
12 committed to providing exhortation, instruction, and motivation for the Body of Christ  
13 through biblical and practical teaching and preaching; and

14 WHEREAS, he is the author of several books which include: *Winning the Battle of Negative*  
15 *Emotions, Finding Joy in the Word of God, Feeding Your Soul with the Word of God,* and  
16 *The ABC's of Church Leadership*. He also has a television and internet ministry that reaches  
17 people nationally and internationally; and

18 WHEREAS, prior to giving birth to Berean, Dr. Lee was employed as a youth pastor,  
19 minister of Christian education, and senior pastor of mainline denominational churches. He  
20 was also employed by Young Life, a parachurch ministry designed to introduce adolescents  
21 to Jesus Christ; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Lee has also had the privilege to serve as a counselor for the Billy Graham  
23 Crusade and as a student pastor in Kingston, Jamaica; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Lee was raised in Los Angeles, California, and after graduating from high  
25 school, he attended Central Arizona College on a basketball scholarship, where he obtained  
26 an associate's degree; and

27 WHEREAS, he continued his studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, also on a  
28 basketball scholarship, and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. While in  
29 Alaska, he accepted his call to preach and prepare for full-time ministry. Seeking to develop  
30 himself ministerially, he moved to Atlanta and enrolled at the Interdenominational  
31 Theological Center (ITC) Morehouse School of Religion and received his Master of Divinity  
32 in Christian Education. He later graduated from Luther Rice University and earned a  
33 Doctorate of Ministry; and

34 WHEREAS, he is happily married to Yolanda Thomas Lee, and they are the proud parents  
35 of two sons, Kerwin II and Kernard; and

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

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 recognize and commend Dr. Kerwin B. Lee and extend best wishes for many more years of  
41 successful fellowship and leadership.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
43 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Kerwin B.  
44 Lee.