

Senate Resolution 458

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Halpern of the 39th,
Lucas of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 151st anniversary of St. James Lodge # 4, F. & A. M.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the 151st anniversary of St. James Lodge # 4,
3 F. & A. M., located in Atlanta, Georgia, on Auburn Avenue in a building that was once the
4 Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge; and

5 WHEREAS, after the establishment of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia Free
6 and Accepted Masons in June 1970, St. James was established as one of the first 16 lodges
7 under Grand Master James M. Simms; and

8 WHEREAS, after being chartered on March 5, 1871, and instituted on June 24, 1871, St.
9 James Lodge # 4 was placed under the leadership of Reverend Francis Jesse Peck Sr., who
10 served concurrently as the pastor of Big Bethel AME Church while also serving as St.
11 James's first worshipful master; and

12 WHEREAS, brothers Roderick Badger and Rodger Badger served along with Reverend Peck
13 as senior warden and junior warden respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, St. James Lodge # 4 has a historic place in the fabric of Atlanta's history as the
15 first Prince Hall Masonic lodge among African Americans in the city; and

16 WHEREAS, during the early days of St. James Lodge # 4, Reverend Peck and the lodge's
17 members resolved to be active in the community both socially and politically; and

18 WHEREAS, to this day, St. James Lodge # 4 has continued in its tradition of possessing a
19 strong membership base of Prince Hall Masons, who work tirelessly in service to the
20 community and are exemplars of what men and Masons should be; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to recognize St. James Lodge # 4's 151st
22 anniversary and celebrate the lodge's legacy of brotherhood and service, as well its historic
23 and numerical growth, as the Masons of St. James Lodge # 4 continue to serve the Atlanta
24 community and represent the best example of servant leaders.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 honor the 151st anniversary of St. James Lodge # 4, F. & A. M., and extend sincere best
27 wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and service.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to St. James Lodge
30 # 4, F. & A. M.