

Senate Resolution 98

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Au of the 48th, Payne of the 54th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Clifton E. Dawkins on his outstanding service
2 as a pastor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Clifton E. Dawkins has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service as founding pastor of the True Worship Christian
9 Fellowship Church and chaplain director of the Fulton County Government Center; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to preaching the Gospel, his ministry has made outreach efforts to
11 assist the vulnerable people of Atlanta, having fed the homeless population of downtown
12 Atlanta for ten years; and

13 WHEREAS, as chaplain director, he presides over 300 burials each year for Fulton County's
14 indigent, provides grief counseling for the staff and county residents, and delivers
15 invocations at various county functions; and

16 WHEREAS, his outstanding work has been recognized in numerous publications such as
17 *Atlanta Magazine*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and *The Christian Index*; he has been
18 further honored as a 2009 inductee of The Morehouse College M.L.K. International Board
19 of Preachers and a recipient of the Phoenix Award from the mayor of the City of Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Dawkins' significant organizational and leadership talents,
21 remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the
22 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
23 associates; and

24 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
25 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Dr. Dawkins is a source
27 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Clifton E. Dawkins for his efficient, effective,
34 unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and extend best wishes for many
35 more years of successful fellowship and leadership.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Dr.
38 Clifton E. Dawkins.