

Senate Resolution 143

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Cowser of the 46th, Hickman of the 4th, Summers of the 13th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Appointing the honorary position of General Assembly chaplain; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, due to the stress caused by the annual legislative session, it is imperative to
3 maintain the physical, mental, and spiritual health of each member of the General Assembly;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, both representatives and senators are charged with ensuring that the legislative
6 session is as efficient and effective as possible in order to address the needs of the Georgians
7 they serve; and

8 WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which represents a global health crisis, it
9 has never been more crucial to stay health-conscious; and

10 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of supporting staff members to aid and assist members
11 of the General Assembly as they work to achieve results for the State of Georgia and its
12 citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, the creation of an honorary General Assembly chaplain position, held by the
14 state minister of the Capitol Commission, which is a nationally recognized ministry with

15 delegates already serving in more than half of America's state capitols, including Congress,
16 would ensure consistent access to a means of enriching and bolstering the spiritual and
17 mental health of the members of the General Assembly.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that the members of this body appoint the state minister of the Capitol
20 Commission as the honorary General Assembly chaplain in order to provide a dedicated
21 source of spiritual and mental health services to members of the General Assembly.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
24 press.