

Senate Resolution 488

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Goodman of the 8th, Dixon of the 45th, Watson of the 11th,  
Payne of the 54th and others

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jim Battles upon his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Battles has served in vocational ministry for over forty years; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles received his Bachelors of Science from Auburn University; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles later received his Master's degree in Religious Education from
- 5 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles began his full-time service in vocational ministry in education and
- 7 youth at Parkview Baptist Church, in Florida, in 1981; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles continued working in ministry after moving to Georgia in 1994, to
- 9 work as the Associate Pastor for Adults and Youth Education at First Baptist Church in
- 10 Fayetteville, before becoming the Youth Minister; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles' influence spans decades, mentoring students who later became
- 12 youth ministers themselves, including Belinda Jenkins, whose daughter and son-in-law are
- 13 now in ministry; and

14 WHEREAS, despite fighting a battle with leukemia, Mr. Battles remains grateful for the  
15 opportunity to serve long enough to see generational change in his ministry; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Battles had the ability to make every student feel included and valued  
17 serving as a key part of his success; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
19 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend Mr. Jim Battles for his decades of ministry and service, congratulate  
22 him upon his retirement, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and  
23 happiness

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Jim Battles.