

Senate Resolution 950

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Jones II of the 22nd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt has demonstrated his commitment to preaching the
3 Gospel, witnessing for Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, emotional,
4 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, since 1996, Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt has dedicated innumerable hours of his time
6 and energy toward leading congregations in Tennessee, Ohio, and South Carolina,
7 culminating in his current role as senior pastor of Abilene Baptist Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Abilene Baptist Church grow in size and
9 influence, uplifting the community with the love of God and serving as a spiritual leader and
10 place for fellowship; and
- 11 WHEREAS, over the past 14 years leading Abilene Baptist Church, Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt
12 has established numerous programs and resources which have led to the spiritual growth of
13 Christians in the community and around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, he has further served the faith community as president of the South Carolina
15 Baptist Convention's Pastors' Conference and has written three exemplary books, *Rooted*, *40*
16 *Days of Refreshment*, and *Heroes: Amazing Stories of Faith*; and

17 WHEREAS, whether the task is preaching a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
18 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
19 humanitarian, Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly
20 reflective of divine guidance; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
22 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable works rendered for
23 the glory of God.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Pastor Dr. Brad Whitt for his 30 years of exceptional pastoral
26 service as well as extend best wishes for many more years of successful leadership.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Dr. Brad
29 Whitt.