

Senate Resolution 863

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson for his outstanding public
2 service and dedication to social justice; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson 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 the Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District
9 of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, with vision to move humankind from "complacency to conviction," Bishop
11 Jackson has led the faith community and beyond to an all-time high level of social
12 awareness, raised political interest, and fought for social justice legislation; and

13 WHEREAS, his leadership as the champion of the underserved and the voice of those
14 without voices has helped facilitate Georgia's first hate crime law; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson is very active in the Greater Atlanta community, serving on and
16 chairing multiple institutional boards and civic organizations; he has been appointed as the
17 Board Chair for Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary, which have long
18 served as cornerstones of the advancement of intellectual and theological excellence for
19 Black culture in Georgia, nationally, and abroad; and

20 WHEREAS, Bishop Jackson has served with honor and distinction as the Presiding Prelate
21 of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and his vision and
22 unyielding commitment have set the standard for spiritual leadership; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Bishop Reginald Thomas Jackson for his efficient, effective,
27 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere
28 best wishes for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Bishop Reginald
31 Thomas Jackson.