

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Esteves of the 6th, Mallow of the 2nd, Merritt of the 9th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Professor William C. Dillard; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Professor William C. Dillard began playing the organ at 12 years old at the Star
3 of Bethlehem Baptist Church in DeRidder, Louisiana, and he has since served for 41 years
4 in music ministry; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1990 and united with the Mount Nebo Baptist
6 Church and Life Center under the leadership of Reverend Anthony James McMichael, where
7 he presently serves as minister of music; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he has conducted numerous workshops and concerts throughout Louisiana,
9 Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Georgia, and other states, and he further attends and participates
10 in the Gospel Music Workshop of America; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in addition to his service as minister of music, Professor Dillard has established
12 a distinguished 37-year-long tenure in education, presently serving as a professional learning
13 facilitator for the Office of School Improvement; and

14 WHEREAS, he has conducted educational sessions for the ELA Teachers in the DeKalb
15 County School System and the America's Choice National Conference, dedicating
16 innumerable hours of his time and energy to his fellow colleagues, peers, and citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, he has earned numerous honors and accolades in recognition of his many
18 wonderful accomplishments and achievements, including the 1997 and 2007 Teacher of the
19 Year awards, the 1996 Man of the Year award, and more; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Professor Dillard has served with honor and distinction, and his vision and
23 unyielding commitment to excellence will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his
24 retirement; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Professor William C. Dillard for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
29 and dedicated service; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and
30 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Professor William
33 C. Dillard.