

Senate Resolution 185

By: Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and Halpern of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Terence Alton Dicks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Reverend Terence Alton Dicks on January 5, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Terence Alton Dicks was born on July 7, 1961, a beloved son of
5 George Bernard Dicks Sr. and Gardenia Griffin-Dicks; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an ordained Baptist minister who
7 delivered the message of Christ's mercy and love in many churches and settings over his life,
8 and above all things, he lived the love and message of Christ; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward furthering social
10 justice and serving his community, including his work as a Richmond County elections
11 commissioner, a Richmond County transit commissioner, and a founding member of the
12 Progressive Religious Coalition in Richmond County; and

13 WHEREAS, as further testament to his dedication to his community, he was instrumental in
14 creating Georgia State Legal Services, a nonprofit law firm devoted to serving low-income
15 clients; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Terence Alton Dicks gave inspiration to many through his high
17 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and
18 understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
23 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Reverend Terence Alton Dicks will long be
24 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
25 had the great fortune of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Terence Alton Dicks and express their
28 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of
31 Reverend Terence Alton Dicks.