

## Senate Resolution 187

By: Senators Thompson of the 14th, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Beach of the 21st, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Pastor Johnny Hunt; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Pastor Johnny Hunt is a loving husband to his wife, Janet, and they have been  
3 blessed with two daughters, Deanna and Hollie, and grandchildren; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Johnny Hunt has faithfully served as pastor of First Baptist Woodstock for 30  
5 years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, despite leaving home at the age of 16, after being raised by a single mother, he  
7 overcame his personal challenges and wrote about his path to God in his book *Out of the*  
8 *Poolroom*; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pastor Johnny received further education from Gardner-Webb College and the  
10 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, along with receiving honorary doctorates from  
11 the Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary, Tennessee Temple University, and Covington  
12 Theological Seminary; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Pastor Johnny was the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, he serves as pastor for one of the largest churches in the United States, which  
16 has grown under his efforts from less than 250 service attendees in 1986 to over 6,500  
17 attendees today; and
- 18 WHEREAS, First Baptist Woodstock's tremendous growth has allowed for expansion to new  
19 campuses located in Jasper, Marietta, and Panama City; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Pastor Johnny leads an annual Men's Conference that has expanded to more  
21 than 35,000 attendees and spans across 30 states; and

22 WHEREAS, one of Pastor Johnny's efforts to improve the well-being of those around him  
23 includes his City of Refuge that restores pastors and their families from a crisis state,  
24 allowing them to resume their service in the ministry; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding and selfless Georgian  
26 be recognized for his valuable contributions to the state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this  
28 body honor the extraordinary character of Pastor Johnny Hunt for his compassion and  
29 ceaseless involvement in the community and dedication to serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Johnny  
32 Hunt.