

Senate Resolution 227

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop James H. Morton; 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 Bishop James H. Morton; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton was born the fourth of nine children on May 8, 1946,
5 in Windsor Ontario, Canada, to Bishop C.L. Morton Sr. and Evangelist Matilda E. Morton;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as minister of music during his upbringing and tenure in his father's
8 ministry, which allowed him to develop his talents as an accomplished and renowned
9 musician and singer from an early age; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his magnificent musical talents were best exemplified by his collaborations with
11 other artists such as Aretha Franklin; Vanessa Bell-Armstrong; his brother, Bishop Paul S.
12 Morton; the late Reverend James Cleveland; and many more; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop James H. Morton first answered the
14 call to preach the Gospel in 1968, and two years later, he became pastor of the True Faith
15 Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan; and

16 WHEREAS, after he relocated to Atlanta, Georgia, he acted in accordance with God's plan
17 and founded New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church with 1,400 congregants, which now
18 offers over 50 ministries to meet the needs of the community; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop James H. Morton gave inspiration to many through his high ideals,
20 morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and
21 understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
23 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Bishop James H. Morton will long be remembered
24 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
25 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 Bishop James H. Morton and express their deepest
28 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 Bishop James H. Morton.