

Senate Resolution 29

By: Senator Lucas of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Richard L. Gammage; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Richard L. Gammage has demonstrated his commitment to teaching
3 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Gammage has spent a lifetime answering God's call to be His
6 messenger to do His will; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped many churches, including Hopewell
8 Missionary First Baptist Church, China Grove Missionary Baptist Church, and New Pleasant
9 Grove Missionary Baptist Church, grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like
10 the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
- 11 WHEREAS, over the past 37 years leading New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Reverend
12 Gammage has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the
13 spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has devoted significant amounts of time to advocating for the less fortunate
15 and oppressed, and has been awarded various honors, such as the 2010 Lifetime
16 Achievement Award from Harry L. Ross Promotions and the 2011 Pastor of the Year Award
17 from *The Informer*, for such endeavors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
19 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
20 humanitarian, Reverend Gammage serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Gammage is a source
22 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
24 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
25 on behalf of persons in need.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Reverend Richard L. Gammage for spreading the love of Jesus
28 across the State of Georgia and for having a kind heart dedicated to the betterment of society.

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 Reverend Richard
31 L. Gammage.