

## Senate Resolution 31

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jasper W. Williams Jr. upon the grand occasion of  
2 his 57th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Jasper W. Williams Jr. has demonstrated his commitment to teaching  
4 the Gospel; witnessing Christ through word and deed; and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, on November 8, 2020, Reverend Williams celebrated pastoring Salem Bible  
7 Church for 57 years; in addition, August 9, 2020, marks his 77th year as a pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a holder of the Guinness World Record for the longest tenure as pastor of  
9 the same church; he was called at the age of six, and he preached his first sermon at the age  
10 of seven; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 57 years of pastoring Salem Bible Church, the congregation has  
12 helped offer children an after-school tutorial program with teachers paid by the church; and

13 WHEREAS, in northwest Atlanta, he led the church to build a sanctuary and add an  
14 educational building; later, under his leadership, the church built two senior towers for the  
15 elderly called the Johnny B. Moore Towers; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams then purchased land in DeKalb County and built a small  
17 facility on Panola Road; he later led the church to build a larger sanctuary in Stonecrest,  
18 Georgia, as well as two senior citizens towers named after his mother, Alice Williams; and

19 WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of many awards throughout these 57 years for his  
20 dedicated service, yet he remains a humble servant of the Lord; and

21 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Williams is a source of  
22 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 Jasper W. Williams Jr. on the wonderful occasion of his  
28 57th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful  
29 fellowship and leadership.

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 Reverend Jasper  
32 W. Williams Jr.