

Senate Resolution 397

By: Senator Mallow of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Williams has demonstrated his commitment to
3 teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
4 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, becoming the first Black officer in the 283rd Combat Communication
7 Squadron and retiring at the rank of major after deployment in Vietnam and Germany; and
- 8 WHEREAS, following his military service, he pursued higher education at Savannah State
9 College and dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward organizing the
10 Wesleyan Gospel Choir and serving as president of the Student Government Association; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he first answered the call to ministry in 1984 and was ordained in August 1985
12 before he was called to pastor the First African Baptist Church of East Savannah, where he
13 served with distinction for 36 years; and

14 WHEREAS, he has further served his community as part of the Savannah Chatham County
15 Board of Education Transportation Department, and he now serves as the first vice president
16 of the Berean Baptist Association as well as a member of both American Legion Post 500
17 and the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi; 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 Dr. Thomas E. Williams has shown the energy, devotion, and
21 commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and

22 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Williams
23 is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
25 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious man.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Williams for his many wonderful
28 contributions on behalf of others and extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

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 Dr.
31 Thomas E. Williams.