

Senate Resolution 468

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Roy Cates on the occasion of his 44th pastoral
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Roy Cates was called by the Lord 44 years ago to lead the
7 congregation of Fishing Creek Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Fishing Creek Baptist Church grow in size
9 and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
10 leader and place for fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past four decades leading Fishing Creek Baptist Church, Reverend Roy
12 Cates has established numerous programs and workshops that have improved the spiritual
13 and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

14 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
15 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
16 humanitarian, Reverend Roy Cates has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly
17 reflective of divine guidance; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Roy Cates is a source
19 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend Reverend Roy Cates on the wonderful occasion of his 44th pastoral
25 anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
26 leadership.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Roy
29 Cates.