

Senate Resolution 48

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop William B. Gilbert; 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 William B. Gilbert on December 18, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Bishop Gilbert was born on August 22, 1952, a beloved son of Cleo Gilbert;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Bishop Gilbert was a man of vision, a leader of passion, and a compassionate
7 servant who spread the Gospel throughout the United States, Europe, and the Holy Land; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after receiving both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Savannah State
9 College, he taught music in the public school system before he went on to earn his Master's
10 of Divinity from Continental Bible College and a Doctorate of Ministry from Oral Roberts
11 University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Bishop Gilbert organized the Faith Hope Charity in Christ Evangelistic Ministry
13 in 1979, which was recognized as the first Christian licensed outreach center in the State of
14 Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a recording artist for over 30 years and has recorded five albums, and,
16 in 2008, he was named a recipient in the Savannah Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Bishop Gilbert was the founder of the Pentecostal Ministerial Alliance of
18 Savannah, Georgia, a group of organized charismatic ministers who strive to promote unity
19 among Pentecostal leaders and all brethren; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2005, he was consecrated Bishop Primate in the Lord's Church, and, in
21 October 2014, he was selected Dean of Education for the Holy Communion of Churches,
22 Impact Fellowship International Jurisdiction; and

23 WHEREAS, Bishop Gilbert will be greatly missed by his mother, Cleo Gilbert, his brother,
24 two sisters, many nieces, nephews, and other relatives, as well as his spiritual family and the
25 entire congregation of Praise Christian Assembly Church.

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 William B. Gilbert 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Bishop
31 William B. Gilbert.