

Senate Resolution 493

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 2nd, Davenport of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Christopher Morris Shipp on the occasion of his 20th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Christopher Morris Shipp was born to the parents of Minnie Ola Shipp and the
4 late Deacon Johnnie W. Shipp, Sr., and he is the youngest of six children, including his twin;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, under their guidance he attended and joined the Macedonia Baptist Church at
7 the early age of nine years old and attended Sunday School and Bible Study where he
8 received his early biblical training and foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, he became Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, and was ordained as Deacon
10 at his home church; and

11 WHEREAS, Sr. Pastor Shipp participated in the Youth Choir, the Senior Choir, and later
12 became Choir Director, during which he learned to play the piano with an interest in religious
13 music; and

14 WHEREAS, developing a great love for gospel music, he played for several choirs as well
15 as founded the Rockdale Community Choir, Newton County Community Choir, Gwinnett
16 County Community Choir, and True Praise Ensemble, and with this foundation the Lord was
17 truly stirring something up in him; and

18 WHEREAS, he was called into the ministry under the leadership of Pastor George Frank
19 Gude at his home church; Pastor Gude was a seasoned pastor and taught him to be faithful
20 in his calling and to the Word of God and most of all he taught him to be a humble servant;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, God blessed him with his wife Valerie Chunn; and

23 WHEREAS, he was called to pastor Raymond Hill Baptist Church in Snellville where he
24 served for four years, then was called to pastor Bald Rock Baptist Church in February 1997;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, along with his wife, Valerie Shipp, and son, Christian, he faithfully served Bald
27 Rock for 20 years; and

28 WHEREAS, he developed the theme Learning the Word and Lighting the World! and he
29 believes and teaches the church that we cannot grow to the level of prosperity that God has
30 for us unless we constantly feed ourselves with the Word; and

31 WHEREAS, Sr. Pastor Shipp strongly supports growing in wisdom and knowledge; and

32 WHEREAS, he received an Associate's Degree in Sociology from Georgia Perimeter, the
33 influencing factor for his commitment to community outreach, has completed his Bachelor's
34 Degree, and is pursuing a Master's Degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary; and

35 WHEREAS, Sr. Pastor Shipp encourages everyone in ministry to enhance their biblical
36 knowledge so they can mature in their spiritual gifts and be effective leaders and challenges
37 all the BRBC members to learn the Word so they can be effective witnesses for Christ; and

38 WHEREAS, he has accomplished much in these 25 years in ministry and 20 years of service
39 to Bald Rock Baptist Church, including being the moderator of the Rockdale Chapter of the
40 Ministers Alliance, committed to bringing the pastors together in fellowship to unite in
41 helping the community at large; and

42 WHEREAS, he is a community leader and spokesperson as a member of the Rockdale
43 Chapter of the NAACP; and

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

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
48 recognize and commend Pastor Christopher Morris Shipp on the wonderful occasion of his
49 20th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
50 fellowship and leadership.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
52 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Christopher
53 Morris Shipp.