

Senate Resolution 690

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Willie Ross, Jr., on the occasion of his 20th
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Willie Ross, 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, Reverend Ross was called by the Lord 20 years ago to lead the congregation
7 of Virgil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as the church's pastor; and

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

11 WHEREAS, over the past two decades leading Virgil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church,
12 Reverend Ross has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the
13 spiritual 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 Dr. Willie Ross, Jr., serves as a shining example of God's righteous
17 path; and

18 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Ross is a source of
19 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; 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 congratulate Reverend Dr. Willie Ross, Jr., on the wonderful occasion of his 20th 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 Dr.
29 Willie Ross, Jr.