

Senate Resolution 731

By: Senator Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Old Zion Heritage Museum and Reverend Eric Beckham;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted
4 original worshipers of Zion Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition and
5 history; and

6 WHEREAS, organized 151 years ago, Zion Baptist Church has grown under the divine
7 direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout
8 the community; and

9 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of
10 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service that it demonstrates daily through
11 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of Zion Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord and
13 are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

14 WHEREAS, the story of Zion Baptist Church is one of triumph through the grace and
15 sustaining power of God, and it stands as an immovable witness to the truth that God keeps
16 His promise; and

17 WHEREAS, this historical monument, the first Baptist church in Marietta, has been located
18 on the corner of Lemon and Haynes Street for 148 years, and a new facility was built across
19 the street in 1978; and

20 WHEREAS, African Americans have been intimately involved in the growth and
21 development of the Baptist church in Georgia from the very beginning; and

22 WHEREAS, Zion Baptist Church has been led by Reverend Eric Beckham since June 2016;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Reverend Beckham began preaching the Gospel in 1989 as a volunteer chaplain
25 at Trenton State Prison after graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these enduring examples of God's
27 message of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for their innumerable good
28 works rendered on behalf of persons in need.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize the rich history of Old Zion Heritage Museum, commend Reverend Eric Beckham,
31 and extend their warmest best wishes for continued growth and success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Old Zion Heritage
34 Museum and Reverend Eric Beckham.