

Senate Resolution 739

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Reverend Justin E. Garner, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Justin E. Garner is the author of *Through the Eyes of the Watchman*,
3 a novel about a vision in which he was transported to heaven; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he is a co-pastor with his father, Reverend Justin E. Garner, Sr., at Cornerstone
5 Full Gospel Church on Second Avenue in Columbus, and they also led Cornerstone
6 Ministries, which was established in 1982; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Reverend Garner, a former Navy sonar technician, and his wife, Diana, own
8 D and R Global Enterprises, an energy conservation consulting firm dealing with
9 computerized heating and air-conditioning systems; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he knows when he talks about having seen heaven, some people dismiss his
11 claims; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in his book, Reverend Garner shows a report from a polygraph test he took in
13 Atlanta in which he was asked about his heavenly experience, and the conclusion was that
14 there was no deception indicated; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Reverend Garner says he had his vision when he was 17 years old, sitting on
16 the stage as his father led a church service; and
- 17 WHEREAS, during his vision, Reverend Garner says that Jesus moved very close to him,
18 took his head in his hands, and kissed him on the forehead; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he wrote his book because he believes it is his mission to share the word of God
20 with others.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 commend Reverend Justin E. Garner, Jr.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Justin
25 E. Garner, Jr.