

## Senate Resolution 864

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Pastor Robert Louis Kimball; 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 Pastor Robert Louis Kimball on January 22, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Pastor Kimball was born on March 7, 1947, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of the late George Ivery and Maude Kimball, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the  
8 Vietnam War for four years, retiring as Sergeant; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he studied at the University of Colorado, where he majored in Psychology, and  
10 worked professionally for a number of major companies, including Nestle, the Metropolitan  
11 Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Ford Motor Company, and Lockheed Martin Aeronautical  
12 Company, from which he retired in 2002; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Pastor Kimball accepted Christ at an early age  
14 and was a member of St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he attended classes at Atlanta's Historic National Divine Spiritual Church under  
16 the leadership of founding Bishop Hiram O'Neal in 1973 and was later ordained and licensed  
17 to minister by Bishop Albert Martin of the Unity Prayer House in 1975; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he ministered at the St. Mark Spiritual Church under the leadership of the  
19 Reverend Mother Sarah Coleman from 1976 to 1977, and in 1980, he also ministered at the  
20 Emmanuel Holy Temple under the leadership of the Reverend Mother Minnie Sharlow; and

21 WHEREAS, he began an independent ministry in Washington, D.C. in 1981; opened a  
22 counseling center in Southwest Atlanta in 1983; was inspired in 1985 to start the Temple of  
23 Hope, a small nondenominational church in Atlanta's Historic Pittsburgh Community, which  
24 opened in 1986; oversaw the ministry at Temple of Hope as its founding pastor for nearly 32  
25 years; and was presented with an honorary doctorate of divinity degree in recognition of his  
26 outstanding work in the ministry in 1995; and

27 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with a  
28 remarkable daughter, Anjelica, and four wonderful grandchildren, Johnathan, Janell, Vincent,  
29 and Trammell; and

30 WHEREAS, Pastor Kimball gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and  
31 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
32 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

33 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
34 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
35 made this world a better place in which to live; and

36 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to  
37 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Pastor Kimball will long be remembered for his  
38 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
39 him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
41 join in honoring the life and memory of Pastor Robert Louis Kimball and express their  
42 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
45 Pastor Robert Louis Kimball.