

## Senate Resolution 987

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Dugan of the 30th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Major Shelby Grant for his military service as a chaplain; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Major Shelby Grant has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Major Grant graduated from Luther Rice Seminary with a master's degree in  
7 Biblical counseling and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Georgia Army  
8 National Guard in 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction in Operation Enduring Freedom  
10 (Afghanistan) and in OEF X with the 108th Calvary, a 48th Brigade Squadron of the Georgia  
11 Army National Guard; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Grant has provided religious support to soldiers, sailors, airmen, and  
13 marines in joint environments over the course of his numerous leadership assignments as a  
14 military chaplain, which have included his being full-time support operations chaplain for  
15 the Georgia Department of Defense, brigade chaplain for the 201st Region IV RSG  
16 Homeland Response Force, and the state Strong Bonds Program Manager; and

17 WHEREAS, he has served in the military for a total of 18 years and as an ordained minister  
18 of the gospel for more than 20 years, during which time he spent nine years as the senior  
19 pastor of Harvest International Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and his  
20 unyielding commitment to the noble causes of justice, freedom, and faith in God have set the  
21 standard for military service; and

22 WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards and accolades over the course of his military  
23 career, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a

24 Campaign Star, the NATO Afghanistan Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism  
25 Service Medal; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding bravery and boldness of  
27 this exemplary military chaplain be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 recognize and commend Major Shelby Grant for his military service as a chaplain and extend  
30 the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
33 Major Shelby Grant.