

Senate Resolution 43

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop Eddie Lee Long; 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 Bishop Eddie Lee Long on January 15, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Eddie Lee Long was born on May 12, 1953, in Huntersville, North Carolina,
5 a beloved son of Reverend Floyd M. Long, Jr., and Hattie Long; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1987, he became the senior pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church,
7 and under his stewardship, the church grew from 300 members to more than 25,000; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1994, Eddie Lee Long received the title of Bishop in the Full Gospel Baptist
9 Church Fellowship, a group of Baptist churches that embrace Pentecostal practices; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2006, Bishop Eddie Lee Long was chosen by the family of Dr. Martin Luther
11 King, Jr., to officiate at the funeral for Mrs. Coretta Scott King, wife of the late civil rights
12 pioneer; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bishop Eddie Lee Long inspired thousands of
14 believers and was known as one of the most influential faith leaders in the world; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Elder Vanessa Long, and was
16 blessed with four remarkable children, Eric, Edward, Jared, and Taylor; and three wonderful
17 grandchildren; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Bishop Eddie Lee Long will long be
25 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop Eddie Lee Long and express their deepest
29 and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
32 Bishop Eddie Lee Long.