

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Williams of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander on December 30, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander was born on February 12, 1932, a beloved son of Reverend
6 Homer M. and Augusta Alexander; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander matriculated at Morehouse College, studying under the
8 watchful tutelage of President Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; after graduation, Reverend Alexander
9 entered the Morehouse School of Religion, serving in a number of leadership capacities prior
10 to receiving his Master of Divinity degree; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with
12 four remarkable children, Cameron Eric, Gregory Madison, Kenneth Lamont, and Barbara
13 Maria; nine wonderful grandchildren; and seven adorable great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander was called to New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in
15 Macon, Georgia, in 1958, where he was not only pastor to the church, but a leader and
16 activist in Macon-Bibb County; a voice speaking out against injustice, Reverend Alexander
17 helped lead the Macon bus boycott in 1962, which led to the integration of the buses; and

18 WHEREAS, in the late spring of 1969, while vacationing in Atlanta, Reverend Alexander's
19 father and the late Mother Martin encouraged him to serve as the guest preacher at Antioch
20 Baptist Church North's morning worship service; the congregation elected him as its pastor
21 the next night, and Dr. Alexander provided exemplary leadership to Antioch Baptist Church
22 North and the community it serves for more than 49 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander's unprecedented servant leadership was not confined to
24 metro Atlanta; for 29 years, he served as president of the General Missionary Baptist
25 Convention of Georgia, Inc., which claims membership of more than 800 churches; and

26 WHEREAS, he trained, licensed, and ordained 600 ministers, at least 150 of whom went on
27 to pastor other churches; Reverend Alexander often described himself as "God's paper boy,"
28 as he was very serious about spreading the gospel and guiding anyone he met to an
29 understanding of the Bible and a saving relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Antioch's service extended beyond this nation's borders, through its provisions
32 and support of the Antioch International Macedonian Missionaries (AIMM) ministry; based
33 on Acts 16:9-10, AIMM began in Haiti to address the issue of inadequate access to safe
34 drinking water, medical care, and food; the ministry has included work in nearly a dozen
35 other countries, including South Africa, Turkey, Colombia, and Brazil; and

36 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
37 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander will
38 long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed
39 by all who had the great fortune of knowing 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 Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander and
42 express their 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 Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander.