

Senate Resolution 46

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lester Anthony for his contributions to the music and floral design industries;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lester Anthony was born to James and Beatrice Anthony on April 7, 1950, and
4 graduated from Alfred E. Beach High School in 1971; and

5 WHEREAS, his interest in music started at an early age and it was with the help of Deacon
6 Marvin Cobb of First Jerusalem Baptist Church; and

7 WHEREAS, he continued to hone his musical abilities by playing at many churches
8 throughout the Savannah and surrounding areas and currently serves as the Minister of Music
9 at First Bryan Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, he introduced to the City of Savannah many renowned musical artists to
11 conduct free musical workshops with choirs of the city; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1971 he started his florist business which he operated out of Mrs. Louise M.
13 Jones' garage for the first five years before moving into his first retail shop at 2620 Bull
14 Street and then its current location on the corner of Bull and 37th Streets in 1989; and

15 WHEREAS, Lester graduated from South Florida School of Floral Design, Lakeland, Florida
16 in 1972, from the Hixson School of Floral Design, Lakewood, Ohio, with two degrees of
17 floral design in 1985, and from the Phil Rulloda School with his Masters of Floral Design
18 in 1993; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1985 and 1989, Lester was the only black designer among a team of the
20 nation's most notable designers that created the floral designs for two presidential
21 inaugurations: President Ronald Reagan and President George W. Bush, Sr., consecutively;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Lester has been honored by the Savannah Chamber of Commerce, Haven
24 Elementary School, Beach High School, Nations Bank, and United Way and has received the
25 Esther Garrison Principal Award; and

26 WHEREAS, he holds business memberships in the Chamber of Commerce of America,
27 Savannah Business League, American Academy of Florists, Georgia State Florist
28 Association, and Coastal Savannah Florist Association.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Lester Anthony for his contributions to the music and floral design industries.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Lester Anthony.