

## Senate Resolution 563

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 42nd, Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Duncan Teague on the occasion of his tenth pastoral  
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Duncan Teague has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
4 members of his congregation through word and deed and addressing the physical,  
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, he moved to Atlanta in 1984 with the goal of breaking into the Black theater  
7 community, but instead he became one of Atlanta's most charismatic, high-profile  
8 public-health warriors, a fierce advocate for the city's Black and gay communities fighting  
9 HIV-AIDS; and

10 WHEREAS, his life took another unexpected turn when he was invited to join the interim  
11 leadership team of First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, a Universalist church  
12 undergoing transition; and

13 WHEREAS, he enrolled in Candler School of Theology at Emory University, graduating in  
14 2011, and he was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, not long after he was ordained, he founded Abundant LUUV, a Unitarian  
16 Universalist Church, in the West End, Atlanta's majority Black community; and

17 WHEREAS, shortly after founding Abundant LUUV, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer  
18 and continued his public health advocacy from the pulpit by talking about being a prostate  
19 cancer survivor turning a personal health crisis into a teachable moment for Black men; and

20 WHEREAS, he recently visited Africa as part of a faith-based coalition fighting HIV-AIDS  
21 on the continent; and

22 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Abundant LUUV Church grow in size and  
23 influence, uplifting the community and serving as a place for fellowship; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments  
25 of the dynamic ministry of this devout and pious man who freely acknowledges "Sometimes,  
26 I have chosen my work, and sometimes my work has chosen me."

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend Reverend Duncan Teague on the wonderful occasion of his tenth  
29 pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship  
30 and leadership.

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 Reverend Duncan  
33 Teague.