

Senate Resolution 61

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Hazel Scott; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a pioneer among African American female gospel singers and gospel preachers,  
3 Dr. Hazel Scott has met the spiritual needs of her community as one of the first licensed  
4 female ministers in Savannah and as a manager and singer for multiple successful gospel  
5 groups; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott was born in Sylvania, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Deacon User  
7 and Queen Scott; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Savannah State University,  
9 a Master's of Religious Art in Theology, and a Doctor of Religious Philosophy in Christian  
10 Psychology; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott served her community by teaching in public schools for 30 years  
12 before she realized that in order to reach the minds and hearts of the people she grew to love  
13 so well, she would have to push her way into a profession that, in the 1970s, was not so  
14 welcoming to women: the ministry; and

15 WHEREAS, an empowered and dedicated woman, Dr. Scott's deep and abiding faith gave  
16 her the strength to defy adversity in order to create a stronger spiritual presence in the  
17 community to which she has devoted innumerable hours of her time as the dynamic spiritual  
18 leader and pastor of Resurrection Pentecostal Temple, which she founded, built, and  
19 organized; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott perpetuates a spirit of altruism through the outreach program at  
21 Resurrection Pentecostal Temple, which includes the Prayer Warriors for Jesus who visit  
22 homes and hospitals to pray for the sick and the Mary and Martha Sharing Caring Committee  
23 which collects clothing for the poor and feeds the hungry; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott has reinforced the faith of countless people through her involvement  
25 in the Gospel Sermonette Singers in the 1960s, the Gospel Chimes in the 1970s, and many  
26 other prolific groups; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Scott is recognized as a major contributor to the history of Savannah,  
28 Georgia, as her many talents and tremendous leadership make her a role model to African  
29 American women; and

30 WHEREAS, is it appropriate that the actions of this remarkable Georgian be recognized as  
31 a testament to the power of determination and faith.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 recognize Dr. Hazel Scott for her many acts of service to the State of Georgia and sincerely  
34 express their best wishes for her continued health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Hazel Scott.