

Senate Resolution 73

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Thompson of the 14th, Dolezal of the 27th and Brass of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Pastor Jim Battles; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Jim Battles has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
3 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
4 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Battles was called by the Lord 25 years ago to minister to the
6 congregation of Fayetteville First Baptist Church, and he now stands as the longest tenured
7 minister in the 190 year history of the church; and

8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Fayetteville First Baptist Church grow in
9 size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a
10 spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

11 WHEREAS, Pastor Battles is united in love and marriage to his wife, Jill, and they have been
12 blessed with three remarkable children, Tyler, Ben, and Jolee; and

13 WHEREAS, over the past 25 years ministering to Fayetteville First Baptist Church, Pastor
14 Battles has established numerous programs and workshops which have improved the spiritual
15 and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

16 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, ministering to youths, visiting the sick,
17 counseling the troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator,
18 administrator, or humanitarian, Pastor Battles has shown the energy, devotion, and
19 commitment truly reflective of divine guidance; and

20 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Pastor Battles is a source of
21 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life, most especially for the children and
22 teenagers to whom his ministry is primarily dedicated; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the outstanding accomplishments
24 of the dynamic Christian ministry of this devout and pious man.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Pastor Jim Battles on the wonderful occasion of his 25th pastoral
27 anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship and
28 leadership.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Pastor Jim Battles.