

Senate Resolution 812

By: Senators James of the 35th, Seay of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones II of the 22nd,  
Tate of the 38th and others

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton; 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 Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton on March 12, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton was born on February 17, 1947, a beloved  
6 daughter of Myles and Rosa B. Wright; and

7 WHEREAS, she was first ordained in 1979 as district missionary and later consecrated as  
8 a gospel minister and elder in the Pentecost Church of God Fairburn Mission Inc.; and

9 WHEREAS, shortly after the passing of her mother, she was consecrated and ordained into  
10 the office of bishop, general overseer, and pastor of the Pentecostal Churches of God  
11 Fairburn Mission Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, continuing in her role as an apostle and anointed teacher of God's word, she  
13 established Shirley W. Cotton International Ministries Inc. on August 11, 2000, where she  
14 served as president and CEO; and

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15 WHEREAS, Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton further served in numerous roles within  
16 the church and in local communities in Georgia, including the Southside Ministerial  
17 Association, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, the American Clergy Leadership  
18 Conference, and more; and

19 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
21 her family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
24 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman who demonstrated her commitment to  
26 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton will long be  
27 remembered for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
28 had the great fortune of knowing her.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 join in honoring the life and memory of Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton and express  
31 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
34 Bishop Shirley David Wright-Cotton.