Senate Resolution 171
By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Williams of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander on December 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander was born on February 12, 1932, a beloved son of Reverend Homer M. and Augusta Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander matriculated at Morehouse College, studying under the watchful tutelage of President Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; after graduation, Reverend Alexander entered the Morehouse School of Religion, serving in a number of leadership capacities prior to receiving his Master of Divinity degree; and

WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Barbara, and was blessed with four remarkable children, Cameron Eric, Gregory Madison, Kenneth Lamont, and Barbara Maria; nine wonderful grandchildren; and seven adorable great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander was called to New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, in 1958, where he was not only pastor to the church, but a leader and activist in Macon-Bibb County; a voice speaking out against injustice, Reverend Alexander helped lead the Macon bus boycott in 1962, which led to the integration of the buses; and

WHEREAS, in the late spring of 1969, while vacationing in Atlanta, Reverend Alexander's father and the late Mother Martin encouraged him to serve as the guest preacher at Antioch Baptist Church North's morning worship service; the congregation elected him as its pastor the next night, and Dr. Alexander provided exemplary leadership to Antioch Baptist Church North and the community it serves for more than 49 years; and
WHEREAS, Reverend Alexander's unprecedented servant leadership was not confined to metro Atlanta; for 29 years, he served as president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., which claims membership of more than 800 churches; and

WHEREAS, he trained, licensed, and ordained 600 ministers, at least 150 of whom went on to pastor other churches; Reverend Alexander often described himself as "God's paper boy," as he was very serious about spreading the gospel and guiding anyone he met to an understanding of the Bible and a saving relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Antioch's service extended beyond this nation's borders, through its provisions and support of the Antioch International Macedonian Missionaries (AIMM) ministry; based on Acts 16:9-10, AIMM began in Haiti to address the issue of inadequate access to safe drinking water, medical care, and food; the ministry has included work in nearly a dozen other countries, including South Africa, Turkey, Colombia, and Brazil; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to witnessing Christ through word and deed, Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Reverend Dr. Cameron Madison Alexander.