

House Resolution 164

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148th, Pelote of the 149th, Bordeaux of the 151st, Day of the 153rd and Brooks of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Bobby Lee Hill; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, former state representative and well-known civil rights activist Bobby Lee Hill
3 died on December 1, 2000, at the age of 59 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, by the magnitude of his personality and his prodigious talent, he was able to
5 inspire and lead his community; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1968, he became the first black person elected to the Georgia House of
7 Representatives from Chatham County since Reconstruction; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served with great distinction as the Representative for the 127th House
9 District in west Savannah for 14 years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, greatly admired for his ability as a trial lawyer and for his dazzling oratorical
11 skill, he was a founding member of the law firm Hill, Jones, and Farrington, which
12 championed civil rights issues with particular zeal; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in 1968, he represented plaintiffs in the landmark case that desegregated the
14 Savannah-Chatham County School System; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a 1963 graduate of Savannah State University, he received a law degree from
16 Howard University; and
- 17 WHEREAS, most recently, he served as the CEO of National Legal Network Group, Inc.,
18 a lawyer referral service; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Bobby Hill was a brilliant leader and a sincere public servant who was always
20 willing to serve as the voice for people who could not speak for themselves.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body remember and honor the life of Bobby Lee Hill for his
3 distinguished service to the State of Georgia and express to his family their sincere sympathy
4 for their loss.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Bobby Lee
7 Hill.