

House Resolution 1422

By: Representative Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of Milton J. White; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, educator, businessman, civil rights pioneer, and community activist Milton J.  
3 White was born on August 20, 1911, the youngest of four children in Jacksonville, Florida;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, his father, Frank White, was a grocery store owner and operator and his mother,  
6 Roxie White, was a school teacher; and

7 WHEREAS, he came to Atlanta in 1929 to attend Morehouse College from which he  
8 graduated in 1934 with a degree in Business Administration; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1958, he received a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a teacher and principal within the Atlanta Public School System  
11 for 37 years until his retirement in 1976; and

12 WHEREAS, he held key leadership roles in many of the organizations of which he was a  
13 member including service as chair of the executive committee of the West Side Voters  
14 League, chair of the Atlanta Elks Educational Department, and president of the local  
15 graduate chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1957, he cofounded Empire Investment Enterprises, Inc., and served as its  
17 president until 1989 and chairman of the board of directors until 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a member of the board of trustees of Friendship Baptist Church, the  
19 Empire Board of Realists, the Morehouse College Alumni Association, the Urban League,  
20 and the NAACP, and he was a 33rd Degree Mason; and

1 WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his winning smile, energetic and outgoing  
2 personality, overriding optimism, and unwavering willingness to share his knowledge,  
3 training, and enthusiasm with anyone he met.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body honor the life and achievements of Milton J. White, express their  
6 gratitude for his outstanding contributions as a citizen of the State of Georgia, and extend  
7 their condolences to his wife, Barbara S. White, and to his children and grandchildren.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Wendell White.