

## House Resolution 1586

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Seay of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Orrock of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Teague of the 58<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing sorrow at the passing of Leonard "Tippy" Calloway; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Leonard "Tippy" Calloway was a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and a beloved  
3 member of that city's radio and music community for 25 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a 1972 graduate of William A. Bass High School, he attended Clark College  
5 (now Clark Atlanta University) where he majored in Drama and Speech; and
- 6 WHEREAS, while in college he worked part-time at the campus radio station, WCLK-FM  
7 91.9, where he developed the engaging personality traits that would become his trademarks  
8 and endear him to so many listeners; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after graduation, he worked at WIGO-AM for several years then moved to  
10 Birmingham, Alabama, to work for WAGG-AM; and
- 11 WHEREAS, upon his return to Atlanta in the early 1980's, he landed a spot with  
12 WAOK-1380 Radio as a weekend, then later weekday, host of a gospel radio program that  
13 grew in popularity almost overnight; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in addition to his three-hour daily program, he also doubled as producer and  
15 board operator for WAOK'S five-night-a-week program, "Talk Back Atlanta"; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he had a vast knowledge of music and was on a first-name basis with most of  
17 the major players in gospel music; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he became so popular that few gospel shows, performances, banquets, and  
19 church programs could be organized and carried out without his presence; and

1 WHEREAS, to all he was affectionately known as "Tippy," and he will be dearly missed by  
2 all.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body honor the life and service of Leonard "Tippy" Calloway, express  
5 their sorrow at his passing, and extend to his family their condolences.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Leonard  
8 "Tippy" Calloway.