

Senate Resolution 156

By: Senators Stokes of the 43rd, Thomas of the 10th and Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. William C. "Bill" Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. William C. "Bill" Brown, a native of Greenwood, South Carolina, earned
3 a Bachelor of Arts degree at Allen University and a master's and doctoral degree from New
4 York University; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown enjoyed an illustrious professional career in education that spanned
6 46 years and included service at Allen University, South Carolina State College,
7 Barber-Scotia College, Fayetteville State University, and the Southern Regional Education
8 Board; and

9 WHEREAS, following his retirement in 1986, he continued to serve the Southern Regional
10 Education Board as senior consultant and in addition served as president of his own
11 consulting firm, Philmar, Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has long played a significant role in the affairs of DeKalb County
13 including serving as: a charter member of the DeKalb County Board of Ethics, a member
14 of the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, chairman of the DeKalb County Merit
15 Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce,
16 founding president of the DeKalb County Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., and
17 a charter member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he was the first black person appointed to the board of the DeKalb County
20 Public Library System and served as the board's chairman for 12 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has been active in politics and during the past 16 years has held a
22 number of offices in the Democratic Party of DeKalb County and has served on the State
23 Committee of the Democratic Party of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1992, he was elected to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and
2 reelected by an overwhelming majority of the vote in 1996.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 honor and commend Dr. William C. "Bill" Brown for his many years of outstanding service
5 in the field of education and for his significant contributions to DeKalb County and the State
6 of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. William C. "Bill" Brown.