

House Resolution 676

By: Representatives McBee of the 74th, Ashe of the 42nd, Post 2, and Teper of the 42nd, Post 1

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Dr. William M. Suttles; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. William M. Suttles was the distinguished President Emeritus, Executive
3 Vice President, Provost, Professor Emeritus at Georgia State University where his
4 extraordinary leadership from 1942 to 1989 created an unparalleled legacy; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he earned his undergraduate degree at that institution, taught English and
6 speech, was assistant registrar and dean of students, and led countless committees to improve
7 the quality of education and student life; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served and held the highest offices on virtually every board and committee
9 associated with the advancement of the university and his astute advocacy enabled the
10 institution to grow from a relatively small state college to a major research university; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Georgia State University was his life during the week and on the seventh day
12 he was a part-time Baptist minister for more than 50 years, conducting twice-a-month
13 Sunday services at churches in Haralson and Luthersville and tending to his congregations´
14 needs at weddings, funerals, and counseling like his father, Rev. Wiley Suttles, had done; and
- 15 WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1989, Dr. Suttles remained a devoted friend of Georgia
16 State and he was always eager to serve and was a wonderful ambassador all of his life.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body pays tribute to Dr. William M. Suttles for his superb leadership at Georgia State
19 University for over a half-century and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lanette Suttles.