

House Resolution 898

By: Representatives Brooks of the 47th, Holmes of the 48th, Post 1, Thomas of the 43rd, Post 1, and Dean of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Dr. Bernard Jackson Bridges; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bernard Jackson Bridges dedicated his life to the field of medicine and gave
3 exemplary service as a physician to many members of the civil rights movement; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Nicholasville, Kentucky, he received his bachelor of science and
5 Doctor of Medicine degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bridges served as a medical officer in the United States Navy; a senior plant
7 physician for Chrysler Corporation in Detroit, Michigan; interim acting administrator of
8 Southwest Community Hospital in Atlanta; and maintained successful private practices in
9 Detroit and Atlanta; and
- 10 WHEREAS, his medical accomplishments included serving as president of the Georgia State
11 Medical Examiners Board for eight years and assistant professor of Community Health and
12 Preventive Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he also wrote about medical and social problems of young African Americans
14 that stem from racism not only in our society, but also racism in the field of medicine; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bridges served on the boards of both the SCLC and the Martin Luther King
16 Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body honor the memory of Dr. Bernard Jackson Bridges for his many
19 contributions to the fields of medicine, civil and human rights.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Bernard
- 3 Jackson Bridges.