

House Resolution 962

By: Representatives Howard of the 98th, Anderson of the 100th, Murphy of the 97th, Stanley-Turner of the 43rd, Post 2, Warren of the 99th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending James Brown; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, James Brown, an internationally recognized recording artist, songwriter, and
3 performer has resided in Augusta, Georgia, for most of his life; and
- 4 WHEREAS, from his humble origins at the Old Lenox theatre and Fort Gordon, where he
5 danced for coins thrown by soldiers to feed his family, he was transformed into the
6 "Godfather of Soul," one of the best selling recording artists of all time; and
- 7 WHEREAS, his dedicated involvement and legendary accomplishments in the music
8 industry have resulted in his induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; the awarding
9 of the American Music Association Award of Merit; the awarding of a Grammy for Lifetime
10 Achievement; and his prestigious inclusion in the first group of inductees into the Rock and
11 Roll Hall of Fame; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this multidimensional artist has devoted innumerable hours of his time, talent,
13 and energy toward efforts to convince children to stay in school and efforts to promote racial
14 justice; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to continuing to delight and amaze audiences everywhere with his
16 unique musical prowess he maintains innovative, efficient, and effective efforts on behalf of
17 the less fortunate and those in need; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the attainments of this aural artisan
19 extraordinaire, exceptional citizen, and goodwill ambassador for the City of Augusta and the
20 State of Georgia be appropriately recognized.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend James Brown for his many decades of unsurpassed

1 professional and musical accomplishments and his outstanding contributions to the music
2 industry.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize May 3, 2004, as
4 James Brown day at the State Capitol.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to James Brown.