

## House Resolution 1912

By: Representative Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences on the passing of Rev. Joe Louis Hill; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Joe Louis Hill was born April 8, 1941, in Dry Branch, Georgia, the son of the  
3 late Sam Hill and Sarah L. Parker Hill; and

4 WHEREAS, in his youth, he raised his voice and spread the gospel singing first tenor with  
5 the Stars of Harmony, a popular gospel group of members of the Stone Creek Baptist  
6 Church; and

7 WHEREAS, he served on the board of deacons of Stone Creek Baptist Church for 12 years  
8 and provided excellent leadership as superintendent of the Sunday school; and

9 WHEREAS, he earned a diploma from America Baptist Theological Seminary in Tennessee  
10 and attended Fort Valley State College; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Hill served the Lord and the congregation of Mt. Salem Baptist Church  
12 of Gray as a dynamic and effective pastor for more than 25 years; for ten of those years, he  
13 also served as an inspiring pastor for New Shady Grove Baptist Church in Bibb County; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a successful businessman, retiring after 24 years as a distributor for  
15 Tom's Candy Company; and

16 WHEREAS, he and his beloved wife, Estella Thompson Hill, reared a fine family of three  
17 children, Latonja, Jeffery, and Jennifer, and they had three cherished grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, he passed from this life on March 18, 2004, and will be sorely missed by his  
19 grieving family and a host of friends.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Joe  
3 Louis Hill.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Estella Hill.