

House Resolution 596

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Bryant of the 160th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. William Franklin Stokes II; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on August 18, 2004, Our Brother's Keeper in Savannah held an awards
4 ceremony to recognize and honor men and women who helped compile an unparalleled
5 legacy of more than 40 years of good work and service rendered to the community; and

6 WHEREAS, among the names of honorees was that of Reverend Dr. William Franklin
7 Stokes II who was born in Sumter County, South Carolina, and pursued his higher education
8 at Northwestern University, Frelinghuysen University, Wake Forest College, and
9 Washington Baptist Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, at the end of his many years as an intelligent, articulate, and caring minister, he
11 retired from the active pastorate on November 7, 1999, after 14 years as pastor of
12 Brownsville Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, his many years of dedicated service in the Lord's name earned him the love of
14 not only his own flock but of citizens of all persuasions, who knew him to be a loving and
15 kind-hearted person always willing to go the extra mile with anyone who needed his help;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, his memory is cherished by his devoted wife of 54 years, Dr. Ethel P. Stokes,
18 three children, 13 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize Reverend Dr. William Franklin Stokes II as a giant of
21 community service and commend his many years of action on behalf of his fellows.

- 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 Reverend Dr.
- 3 William Franklin Stokes II.