

House Resolution 1147

By: Representatives Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing deepest regret at the passing of Samuel Michael Turner; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a kind and gentle heart left this earth for the Kingdom of God on January 17,
3 2006, leaving the world a better place for his time with us; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on October 19,1953, in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of the late Rufus
5 "Charlie Boy" Turner and the late Millie Jones Turner Walker, and he attended the Atlanta
6 public schools, graduating from Southwest High School in 1971, and went on to play football
7 at Clark College, where his natural good humor and charm made him a popular student; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Sammy began working for his father at the Living Room Lounge, and during
9 his life he was a chef and restaurant owner; served on the custodial staff at his beloved alma
10 matter, Clark University, and at St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Vernon
11 Baptist Church; and served as a legislative aide to his sister-in-law, State Representative
12 LaNett Stanley-Turner; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he received the gift of faith through his mother, and he gave his life over to the
14 Lord at Union Baptist Church; he later joined St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church, and in
15 September, 2003, he joined Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, which was under the pastorate of
16 the Reverend Rodney K. Turner, his younger brother; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Sammy's life was filled with the spirit of God, and he lived his faith twenty-four
18 hours a day, seven days a week, and you could feel the spirit just by being around him; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he is survived by a stepmother, Bettye Adams Turner; two brothers, the
20 Reverend Rodney K. Turner, husband of Representative LaNett Stanley-Turner, and
21 Zachery Walker Poythress; two sisters, Cheryl T. Jones and Lisa T. Sanford; three aunts,
22 Joanne Frails, Eva Lester, and Ethel T. Tucker; three great-aunts, Florence Ridgeway,

1 Mildred Lee, and Odessa Terrell; a devoted cousin, Anna Burton; and a host of nieces,
2 nephews, cousins, and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Sammy was a gentle soul with a great heart, his greatest joy being of service
4 to others; and he touched many lives and will be remembered and missed by all who knew
5 him.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body express deepest regret at the passing of Samuel Michael Turner and
8 convey sincere condolences to his grieving family and friends.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Samuel
11 Michael Turner.