

House Resolution 1380

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55th, Sinkfield of the 60th, Dean of the 59th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd, and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Joseph Everhart Boone, a civil rights legend; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, premier clergyman and civil rights activist Reverend Joseph Everhart Boone
3 has a career that has spanned nearly four decades, reaching out to transform thousands of
4 African American lives by carrying the message of economic dignity from the pulpit, through
5 the streets, and to the boardrooms of America; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Boone has been a man of uncommon vision, charged and driven by
7 formidable dedication carrying forth with unflagging courage his conviction that each citizen
8 has the right to dignified participation in the American economy's mainstream, both as
9 producers and consumers; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Boone's miraculous achievements thus far in his lifetime include
11 serving as Chief Negotiator for Operation Breadbasket, the economic arm of the Southern
12 Christian Leadership Conference; presiding as Pastor at Rush Memorial Congregational
13 Church in Atlanta, the meeting and organizational base for the Student Non-Violent Civil
14 Rights movement, and at the First Congregational Church in Alabama, where he organized
15 the first "Selective Buying Campaign" in Alabama; acting as Director of the Metropolitan
16 Atlanta Summit Leadership Congress, Inc., during which time he was designated by Mrs.
17 Coretta Scott King to coordinate the first leg of the "Poor People's Campaign"; leading the
18 P.J. Woods Center for the Blind as its director, coordinating programs including a 24 hour
19 residential treatment facility; and persuading the FCC as the cochairperson of Atlanta
20 Against Unfairness in Broadcasting to condition license renewals for all major television and
21 radio companies on providing credible programming which is relative to the needs of black
22 people in Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Boone's career in public service has earned him a distinguished series
24 of honors and awards, including "Civic Leader of the Year" in 1959 from the First
25 Congregational Church in Anniston, Alabama; "The Young Man of the Year in Religion" in

1 1964 from the Atlanta International Chapter of the Wise Men; The Excelsior Knights
2 Citizenship Award in 1967; an appointment by Governor Jimmy Carter to the Governor's
3 Council on Human Relations in 1971; WGUN's Outstanding Citizen Radio Award in 1971;
4 "Civil Rights Fighter of the Year" in 1975 from the Bronner Brothers; and the "Civil Rights
5 Award" in 1991 from Clark Atlanta University.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend civil rights legend Reverend Joseph Everhart Boone for
8 his outstanding leadership and exemplary public service to his community and this state.

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 Reverend Joseph Everhart
11 Boone.