

House Resolution 837

By: Representatives Mosby of the 90th, Morgan of the 39th, Brooks of the 63rd, Williams of the 165th, Frazier of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., is an inspirational community leader and
3 servant of God and his fellow man; and

4 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from the University
5 of South Carolina, where he served as Lay Campus Minister, and entered Gammon
6 Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia,
7 where he was conferred a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in Christian Education;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., is an ordained Elder and Full Member of
10 the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and served six years
11 as Senior Pastor of the Clover Parish, which includes the congregations of the Clover Chapel,
12 Green Pond, and Mount Harmony United Methodist Churches, where he led the development
13 of several church and community initiatives; and

14 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., served with distinction as Director of the
15 Southeast Region of the NAACP headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, since 1999, and he has
16 made numerous contributions to make the Southeastern United States a better place to live
17 for all people; and

18 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., has been recently appointed to serve as
19 the National Director of Field Operations of the NAACP; and

20 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., is also a proud member of Eta Lambda
21 Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Atlanta, and he sits on the Board of Trustees for
22 the African American Male Research, Success, and Leadership initiative at the University
23 of West Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., is the founder of Brothers United for
2 Change, a ministry that has gained national attention; and

3 WHEREAS, the Reverend's civil rights undertakings include becoming the first African
4 American member of the Clover Rotary Club and the first African American member of the
5 University of South Carolina Chaplains Association; and

6 WHEREAS, the Reverend won a precedent setting 1993 verdict against the Buffalo Room
7 in North Augusta, South Carolina, for refusing to serve him and five other NAACP officials
8 because of their race; and

9 WHEREAS, that was the first time in the state's history that an African American citizen
10 recovered monetary damages for race discrimination using the claim of outrage; and

11 WHEREAS, the suit led to a stronger Public Accommodations Law being adopted by the
12 South Carolina Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, the Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., is a resident of Ellenwood, Georgia, and
14 he is the faithful husband of Adrienne and the loving father of Dwayne, who serves in the
15 United States army, and Alexander, a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina and
16 a member of the United States air force reserve.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body commend Reverend Charles Lee White, Jr., the National Director
19 of Field Operations of the NAACP for his innumerable good works in the name of social
20 justice, congratulate him upon the occasion of the dedication of the 55th Annual Civil Rights
21 Advocacy Training Institute, and extend to him their sincerest best wishes for the future.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Reverend Charles Lee
24 White, Jr.