

House Resolution 1808

By: Representative Ashe of the 56<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ron Frieson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson has had over 25 years of highly successful experience managing  
3 businesses for increased profitability and efficiency; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson took voluntary retirement with the merger of BellSouth and  
5 AT&T, finishing as President of Georgia Operations of BellSouth; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson held other significant roles in BellSouth such as Vice President of  
7 Strategy and Systems Planning, Chief Diversity Officer, Vice President and General  
8 Manager of Consumer Services, Vice President of Advertising and Publishing, and Chief  
9 Information Officer; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of  
11 Science degree in finance, Georgia State University with a Master of Business  
12 Administration degree in information systems, and Emory University's Executive  
13 Development Consortium; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson is a past member of the Atlanta Urban League Board, serving ably  
15 as Secretary; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Ron's current civic involvement includes the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County  
17 and the American Kidney Fund, where he is Chair-elect and a National Trustee; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Ron has actively participated with the Atlanta Neighborhood Development  
19 Partnership, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Hands on Atlanta, the National Association  
20 of Black Telecommunications Professionals as Advisory Board Chair, and the Atlanta Police  
21 Foundation as Chair; and

1 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson and his wife, Belinda, have become entrepreneurs with the opening  
2 of two businesses in southwest Atlanta, Wine Styles and Landon's Restaurant; and

3 WHEREAS, Ron Frieson stepped forward at a very critical period to serve as interim  
4 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Atlanta Urban League and has served in this  
5 position diligently and exceptionally well for the past eight months without any  
6 compensation whatsoever; and

7 WHEREAS, during Ron Frieson's tenure, the Atlanta Urban League has seen a resurgence  
8 and is experiencing renewed growth and increased service to the community.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 the members of this body recognize and commend Ron Frieson for his many  
11 accomplishments and contributions.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ron Frieson.