

House Resolution 1809

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

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Jerry "Tacuma" Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Glendale, Ohio, a town near Cincinnati, Jerry "Tacuma" Brown is  
3 the grateful foster son of Rev. Rufus and Katie Mae Saturday, who will celebrate her 101st  
4 birthday in June, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, he participated in the choir from a very early age at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist  
6 Church in Ohio, where he began his journey of community service; and

7 WHEREAS, he joined the U.S. Air Force in January, 1961, and became a ballad soloist and  
8 sang with several military vocal groups, including the winners of the 1962 All Air Force  
9 Talent Contest held at Edwards Air Force Base in California; and

10 WHEREAS, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in the early 90's and joined the Pan African  
11 Orthodox Christian Church, Shrine of the Black Madonna, in the West End neighborhood.  
12 In addition to singing in its choir, he was immediately asked to consider participating in the  
13 Neighborhood Planning Unit by the presiding chairperson, Rev. Woodrow Smith, Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, he was quickly appointed chairperson of the Crime and Public Safety  
15 Committee and chairperson of the Zoning and Land Use Committee, serving both  
16 committees until he was elected chairperson of the Neighborhood Planning Unit in 1997; and

17 WHEREAS, many improvements occurred during his tenure, including the development of  
18 a working, proactive relationship between the planning unit and the six historically black  
19 colleges and universities of Atlanta, as well as developing active Neighborhood Planning  
20 Unit committees and ensuring that they sincerely welcome and encourage the involvement  
21 of the entire community; and

1 WHEREAS, he has served and remains a member of many committees and boards  
2 throughout the greater Atlanta community, including the Code Enforcement and  
3 Neighborhood Deputies Organizing Committee, the Fulton County Juvenile Community  
4 Advisory Board, the Housing Authority of Fulton County, the National Association of  
5 Housing Revitalization Officials, the Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board, and the Mayor's  
6 Office organizing committee for a memorial in honor of Mrs. Coretta Scott King; and

7 WHEREAS, he is now retired but is still actively involved in his church and community,  
8 serving as a blessing to many brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, and grandchildren that  
9 sincerely love and appreciate this wonderful man and community leader.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body heartily commend Jerry "Tacuma" Brown for his diligent and  
12 compassionate service to his community and to the State of Georgia.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jerry "Tacuma" Brown.