

House Resolution 1445

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Brooks of the 63rd, Taylor of the 55th, and Ashe of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending "General" Larry Platt and inviting him to be recognized by
2 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has long been recognized for his dedication to the
4 principles of equality and justice and his active involvement in the political process; and

5 WHEREAS, a leader of the Civil Rights Movement, "General" Larry Platt helped organize
6 and participated in sit-ins and demonstrations against segregation in restaurants and other
7 public areas during the 1960's as a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating
8 Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, he was confronted with violence for his protests of segregation and was beaten
10 on the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Bloody Sunday in 1965 during the historic Civil Rights
11 march from Selma to Montgomery; and

12 WHEREAS, his nickname "General" was given to him by Reverend Hosea Williams for his
13 heroic efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement; and

14 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt's diligence and leadership has been instrumental to the
15 search efforts of United Youth Adult Conference, an organization which led the searches for
16 missing and murdered children in the Metropolitan Atlanta area in the 1980's; and

17 WHEREAS, he attends city and county meetings to ensure the rights of citizens are protected
18 and public officials are held accountable; and

19 WHEREAS, a champion of justice, he has diligently worked to raise awareness of longtime
20 death row inmate Troy Davis's struggle to have his case reheard in light of witness
21 recantations; and

22 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has recently re-gained national attention for his
23 appearance on the hit show *American Idol*, where he unveiled his socially conscious and
24 thought provoking song "Pants on the Ground"; and

25 WHEREAS, his performance of "Pants on the Ground" became an overnight sensation and
26 was seen by millions around the world via the Internet; and

27 WHEREAS, "General" Larry Platt has been a life-long defender of equality and civil rights,
28 and his recent fame for "Pants on the Ground" is worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend "General" Larry Platt for his lifetime of service to others,
31 recognize him as a Civil Rights hero, and congratulate him upon his recent successful
32 entertainment career.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that "General"
34 Larry Platt is invited to be recognized by the House of Representatives on a day and at a time
35 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to "General" Larry Platt.