

## House Resolution 2194

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, and Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Fred Watson and recognizing April 27, 2010, as International Campaign  
2 for Victory Over Violence Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Watson became visually impaired by a bullet that became lodged in  
4 his brain during a youth robbery attempt yet has defied tragedy to overcome diagnoses of a  
5 homebound life to serve others; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson has established relationships with people of all backgrounds and  
7 cultures in order to create an international foundation that promotes nonviolent alternatives  
8 to conflict resolution; and

9 WHEREAS, the International Campaign for Victory Over Violence (ICVOV) has grown  
10 over the years to become a popular prevention-intervention method applied by governors,  
11 mayors, universities, colleges, and school systems throughout the world; and

12 WHEREAS, for the past 17 years, the ICVOV has honored loved ones lost to violence and  
13 celebrated individuals who have made a difference in the lives of others through the  
14 promotion of nonviolent conflict resolution methods; and

15 WHEREAS, from May 1 to June 26, 2010, the ICVOV will hold events around this state to  
16 promote nonviolence, which will include a Youth Empowerment Parade, a play at Jackson  
17 Memorial, and a friendship and forgiveness mental and physical health week; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of Mr. Watson and  
19 his fine organization be appropriately recognized.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Mr. Fred Watson on his years of dedicated and selfless

22 service to ending violence and recognize April 27, 2010, as International Campaign for  
23 Victory Over Violence Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Fred Watson.