

House Resolution 498

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Coleman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one its finest and distinguished citizens,  
3 Mr. George Coleman, on October 21, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Coleman earned his degree from Lincoln  
5 University of Missouri; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in the 1950's, Mr. Coleman began reporting and editing for the *Atlanta Daily*  
7 *World*, gaining firsthand knowledge of Atlanta's African American community and the civil  
8 rights movement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman was passionate about history, collecting books about the history  
10 of Atlanta and African Americans and imparting the interesting things he learned to others;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, also a talented artist, Mr. Coleman enjoyed writing poetry, sketching, and  
13 painting, his talent recognized by Morris Brown College, where sketches drawn by Mr.  
14 Coleman and inspired by his poetry were exhibited; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman was a member of St. Paul of the Cross church for 53 years and  
16 worked with the archdiocese to promote racial awareness; and
- 17 WHEREAS, his surviving family includes his wife, Norma Coleman, his daughters, Minette  
18 Coleman, Bernadette Coleman-Lambert, and Jimmie Barnett, his son, George Coleman, Jr.,  
19 eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and
- 20 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished Georgian join his family in  
21 mourning his loss.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Coleman and  
24 commending his many great achievements.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. George  
27 Coleman.