

Senate Resolution 176

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory and legacy of civil rights icon, Dr. Thomas H. Brewer; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas H. Brewer was one of this nation's great civil rights leaders who  
4 paid the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for equality for all Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, a physician, Dr. Thomas spearheaded the drive for racial equality in Columbus,  
6 Georgia, from the 1920's until his assassination on February 18, 1956; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas was born in Saco, Alabama, on November 16, 1894, graduated  
8 from high school and college in Selma, Alabama, and earned his medical degree from  
9 Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee; and

10 WHEREAS, he joined the thriving black medical community of Columbus, Georgia, in 1920  
11 and established a medical office on the 1000 block of First Avenue; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1929, he and other black professionals created a service organization, the  
13 Social-Civic 25 Club, and in 1939 Dr. Brewer led these same men in founding a chapter of  
14 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Columbus; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas was widely known for his political activism and the death of this  
16 beloved man had a considerable impact on local race relations; and

17 WHEREAS, he has been recognized as a martyr of the national civil rights movement and  
18 it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments and sacrifice of  
19 this distinguished gentleman be remembered and honored appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 honor the life and memory of Dr. Thomas H. Brewer and recognize the amazing impact his  
22 life's work had upon the civil rights movement.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Thomas H. Brewer.