

## Senate Resolution 616

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Brown of the 26th, Carter of the 42nd, Davis of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Derek Wayne Moses; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Derek Wayne Moses on March 26, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Derek Wayne Moses was born on August 26, 1954, in Atlanta, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of Vera Vivian Thornton and Poldo Moses; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was educated in Atlanta Public Schools, graduating in 1971 from Frederick  
7 Douglass High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, as a young child, Derek and his mother joined  
9 Providence Missionary Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member throughout his  
10 life; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Reverend Moses helped many people with their financial matters, combining  
12 his money managing skills with spiritual encouragement; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he also loved to entertain and was a known as a generous host enjoying the  
14 company of others, possessing many friends from Atlanta and beyond; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in management and economics from Fisk  
16 University at the age of 19, a Master of Business Administration at the age of 21 from  
17 Columbia University in New York City, and when he was called to the ministry, he attended  
18 Emory University School of Theology; and
- 19 WHEREAS, after receiving his MBA, he worked for Ernest and Ernest accounting firm, The  
20 Ford Motor Company, and the First National Bank of Atlanta, then opened his own  
21 accounting firm, Derek Moses & Company, LLC; and

22 WHEREAS, he will be missed and celebrated, but not mourned, by his son, Matthew Moses;  
23 his sisters, Barbara Jean Caldwell, Kwana Moses Scott, and Valencia M. Seay; and his aunts,  
24 uncles, and a host of other relatives, friends, and church members; and

25 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
26 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
27 family and friends were admired by others; and

28 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
29 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
30 made this world a better place in which to live; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Derek Wayne Moses will long be  
32 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, son, brother, and  
33 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Derek Wayne Moses and express their deepest and  
36 most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Derek Wayne Moses.