

House Resolution 1082

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of David Ronald Reed; 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 David Ronald Reed on March 4, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, David Ronald Reed was born on February 20, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois, a  
5 beloved son of Willie and Georgia Reed; and
- 6 WHEREAS, David was united in love and marriage to his high school sweetheart, Judith K.  
7 Watkins, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Karren Denise and David Ronald,  
8 Jr.; and
- 9 WHEREAS, David attended DuSable High School and was the captain of the nationally  
10 ranked varsity basketball team and upon graduation received a full basketball scholarship to  
11 Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political  
12 science; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after graduation he entered into politics, working diligently and successfully to  
14 improve the quality of life for African Americans in the late 1960's, and later became chair  
15 of the Harold Washington Party, helping black candidates pursue political aspirations; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he also pursued a successful entrepreneurial career that spanned four decades  
17 and was most recently a political and business consultant to a number of individuals in metro  
18 Atlanta; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, David Ronald Reed will long be  
26 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, husband, son, uncle,  
27 grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of David Ronald Reed and  
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of David Ronald  
33 Reed.