

House Resolution 1744

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Pruett of the 144th, Brooks of the 63rd,
Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Smyre of the 132nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Dewey Loren McClain and inviting him to be recognized by the House
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Dewey Loren McClain was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and earned a
4 Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a minor in psychology, government, sociology, and
5 physical education from East Central University in 1976; and

6 WHEREAS, he signed as a free agent with the National Football League in 1976 and played
7 for the Atlanta Falcons for five years and signed with the United States Football League and
8 played for the Oakland Invaders and the Oklahoma Outlaws; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McClain is a founding member and former president of the National
10 Football League Players Association (NFLPA) Metro Atlanta Chapter and a past member of
11 the National Former Players Board of Directors of the NFLPA; and

12 WHEREAS, his community service activities include the American Foundation for the
13 Blind, the Sickle Cell Foundation, the Special Olympics, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the
14 Georgia Council on Child Abuse, Boy Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Club, and the
15 Cancer Society; and

16 WHEREAS, he retired from the City of Atlanta after 22 years of service, 18 years with the
17 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs and four years with the Atlanta
18 Workforce Development Agency; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. McClain has been honored numerous times, including as an Outstanding
20 College Athlete of America in 1973; All Conference in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975; and the
21 recipient of the 2012 MLK Jr. March Committee Reverend James Orange Award, and he was
22 inducted into the ECU College Hall of Fame in 1981, the Freedom Bowl Hall of Fame in

23 1985, the Oklahoma High School Hall of Fame in 1998, and *Atlanta Tribune: The*
24 *Magazine's* Hall of Fame in 2009; and

25 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his high school sweet heart, Linda Evans,
26 and together they are blessed with two remarkable daughters, LeResa and Brandy, and three
27 wonderful grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
29 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
30 dramatically by his superlative service; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Dewey Loren McClain for his efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and invite him to be
36 recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of
37 the House of Representatives.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Dewey Loren McClain.