

## House Resolution 1981

By: Representatives Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, and Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lorenzo P. McNeal; 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 Dr. Lorenzo P. McNeal on March 15, 2012; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Evans County, Georgia, Dr. McNeal attended Savannah State  
5 College and Johnson C. Smith Seminary and received a Doctorate of Ministry from Union  
6 Theological Seminary and several certificates of merit and completion from the University  
7 of Georgia and Armstrong State College; and

8 WHEREAS, he served in several organizations, including St. Joseph Lodge number 76,  
9 Claxton Kiwanis Club, Lamar Carter Consistory 32 degree, two Ministerial Associations, the  
10 Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and the Evans County Chapter of the NAACP; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McNeal was the pastor in numerous churches in Savannah, Albany,  
12 Patterson, Waycross, Sylvania, Reidsville, and Cobbtown for 45 years, including Jerusalem  
13 Missionary Baptist Church and Historic Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church; and

14 WHEREAS, he worked as program director and general manager of WCLA, AM Radio  
15 Station in Claxton where he hosted *Rejoicing in the Morning* and worked as a radio  
16 announcer with several stations in Georgia; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. McNeal will long be remembered for  
24 his love of God, family, and friendship, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
25 of knowing him.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lorenzo P. McNeal  
28 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Lorenzo  
31 P. McNeal.