

House Resolution 2201

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th and Pruett of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Dewey Loren McClain; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McClain has been honored numerous times, including as an Outstanding
19 College Athlete of America in 1973; All Conference in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975; and the
20 recipient of the 2012 MLK Jr. March Committee Reverend James Orange Award, and he was
21 inducted into the ECU College Hall of Fame in 1981, the Freedom Bowl Hall of Fame in
22 1985, the Oklahoma High School Hall of Fame in 1998, and *Atlanta Tribune: The*
23 *Magazine's* Hall of Fame in 2009; and

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

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

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Mr. Dewey Loren McClain for his efficient, effective,
34 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

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