

House Resolution 84

By: Representative Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Joseph L. Hammonds; 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 Joseph L. Hammonds on December 1, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds was born on November 4, 1944, in Barnwell County, South  
5 Carolina, a beloved son of Quincy Hammonds and Alberta Phoenix; and
- 6 WHEREAS, man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hammonds was an active member of the  
7 Word of Life Church in Austell, Georgia, and served in a preaching ministry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds had a generous and compassionate heart for the oppressed and  
9 neglected and was constantly seeking out ways to help his fellow man even at the expense  
10 of his own comfort; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hammonds was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Lorrie M. Hammonds  
12 and Ms. Jackie Hammonds and was the proud father of two sons, Joseph K. Hammonds and  
13 Marcus Q. Hammonds, and the beloved grandfather of two precious grandchildren, Jada and  
14 Jayden Hammond; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a veteran civil rights organizer, Mr. Hammonds was hired by prestigious groups  
16 such as the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a law school, and  
17 various political campaigns; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Joseph L. Hammonds will long be  
25 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant and friend  
26 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joseph L. Hammonds  
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Joseph L.  
32 Hammonds.