

Senate Resolution 877

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Floyd Adams, Jr.; 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 Floyd Adams, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1995, Floyd Adams, Jr., became the first African American elected to serve
5 as mayor of Savannah; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he united the City of Savannah and ignored racial, economic, and social barriers
7 during his decades of public service; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Floyd Adams, Jr., was the publisher of the *Savannah Herald*, a weekly
9 newspaper that has covered issues important to the city's black community since its founding
10 in 1945; and
- 11 WHEREAS, prior to serving as mayor, Floyd Adams, Jr., became First District alderman in
12 1982 and went on to serve two terms; he was later elected as alderman at-large; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served on the city council for more than 13 years before he won the office
14 of mayor, which made Floyd Adams, Jr., the 63rd mayor of Georgia's oldest city; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he took office at a time when Savannah was in the national spotlight because
16 of the yachting events for the 1996 Olympic Games; tourists also flocked to the city to visit
17 the area described in John Berendt's nonfiction best-seller "Midnight in the Garden of Good
18 and Evil"; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Floyd Adams, Jr., left the mayor's office at the end of 2003, but stayed active
20 in local politics and was elected to a seat on the Savannah-Chatham County School Board
21 in 2008; and

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

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Floyd Adams, Jr., will long be remembered
29 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by
30 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Floyd Adams, Jr., and express their deepest and most
33 sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Floyd Adams, Jr.