

House Resolution 1292

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

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend W. Ron Sailor, Sr.; 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 Reverend W. Ron Sailor, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, some 20 years since Reverend Sailor's rich and melodic voice boomed across  
5 radio and television airwaves, people still perked up when they heard him speak; and
- 6 WHEREAS, former television executive producer Sidmel Estes said, "Ron was ahead of his  
7 time. He was a strong voice, and for a black man to be on both radio and TV, and to take the  
8 strong positions that he took, that was very unusual"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Reverend Sailor retired from broadcast journalism in 2000, and he turned his  
10 full-time attention to pastoring Christ the King Baptist Church in Dacula; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as a competitor, he was the quintessential pioneer black journalist; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Reverend Sailor started a radio station in 2008 while at Frederick Douglas High  
13 School; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he went to Emory University, where his mother cooked for a sorority house, but  
15 he dropped out after he got a job at the AM station WAOK; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Reverend Sailor got a job as a host for the former WIGO-AM (1340) and  
17 reappeared on television, as a general assignment reporter for Channel 11 WXIA, a year  
18 later; his radio career included owning WIGO and working as a news director at  
19 WALR-FM/Kiss 104.1; and

20 WHEREAS, one of his favorite quotes was, "Only when it is dark enough, can you really see  
21 the stars"; and

22 WHEREAS, in addition to his wife of 13 years and two sons, Reverend Sailor is also  
23 survived by sons Christian Sailor and Chanz Wallace; daughter, Khaleah Wallace; mother,  
24 Rosetta Crowder; sister, Brenda Sailor; and one grandson; and

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

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

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend W. Ron Sailor, Sr., will long be  
32 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the  
33 great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend W. Ron Sailor,  
36 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend W.  
39 Ron Sailor, Sr.