

House Resolution 1317

By: Representative Scott of the 76th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jamaal Ja'Corrie Williams; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Reverend Jamaal Ja'Corrie Williams on January 21, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams was born on July 25, 1981, in Ft. Benning, Georgia, a
6 beloved son of Tanya Williams Freeman and Val Abernathy; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Williams was united in love and
8 marriage to Rhonda Williams; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams attended Auburn University and pledged the Kappa Zeta
10 chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and attended Pleasant View Missionary Baptist
11 Church under the leadership of Reverend Charles Goodman; and

12 WHEREAS, on August 26, 2007, at Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Morrow,
13 he ministered his initial sermon from Ephesians 6:10-18 entitled, "I am on the Battlefield for
14 My Lord" and went on to receive his license to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ on
15 September 9, 2007; soon after, he enrolled at Luther Rice University and Seminary; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Williams was officially ordained into gospel ministry on May 31,
17 2010, and went on to work as the youth minister at Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist
18 Church; and

19 WHEREAS, he was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessed to everyone he
20 came in contact with; it was his goal to impact the world through his compassion and
21 ministry and to serve God in any way he could; 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, Reverend Williams will long be
29 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will
30 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jamaal Ja'Corrie
33 Williams and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend
36 Jamaal Ja'Corrie Williams.