

House Resolution 1893

By: Representative Taylor of the 173rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hosea Lorenzo Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hosea Lorenzo Williams was born on January 5, 1926, in Attapulgus, Georgia,
3 a small city in the far southwest corner of Decatur County; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hosea Williams was a United States civil rights leader, ordained minister,
5 businessman, philanthropist, scientist, and politician; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Hosea Williams first joined the NAACP, but later became a leader in the
7 Southern Christian Leadership Conference along with such notables as Martin Luther King,
8 Jr., Ralph Abernathy, James Bevel, Joseph Lowery, and Andrew Young; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a trusted member of fellow civil rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize
10 winner Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle; and
- 11 WHEREAS, under the banner of their flagship organization, the Southern Christian
12 Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King, Jr., depended on Hosea Williams to organize
13 and stir masses of people into nonviolent direct action in the myriad of protest campaigns
14 they waged against racial, political, economic, and social injustice; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, he founded Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless,
16 a nonprofit foundation widely known in Atlanta for providing hot meals, haircuts, clothing,
17 and other services for the needy on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day,
18 and Easter Sunday each year; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in politics, he was elected and served on the Atlanta City Council, in the
20 Georgia General Assembly, and on the DeKalb County Commission and was one of the few
21 Georgia elected officials ever to serve on the city, county, and state levels of government;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Hosea Williams passed away on November 16, 2000, after a three-year battle
24 with cancer; funeral services were held at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church; and

25 WHEREAS, Hosea Williams will always remain a symbol of activism and philanthropy in
26 Decatur County as well as the State of Georgia, and it is only fitting and proper that the life
27 of this courageous and remarkable Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Hosea Lorenzo Williams and express
30 their gratitude for his dedication and commitment to the civil rights movement and to
31 improving the lives of countless Georgians.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Hosea Lorenzo
34 Williams.