

House Resolution 598

By: Representatives Gordon of the 163rd, Stephens of the 165th, Williams of the 168th, Stephens 164th, Petrea of the 166th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, 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 Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, Sr., on February 22, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Gregory was born on November 30, 1968, in Savannah, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Lewis and Evalena Tyson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Savannah Technical College in 1990 with a Cosmetology
7 Certificate, passed the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology, and opened his barber shop,
8 Boyz II Men Barbershop; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this successful entrepreneur received many awards and accolades, including the
10 1991 and 1994 Entrepreneurship Award; the 1998 *Savannah Herald* Successful Business
11 Man Under 30 Award; the 2004, 2005, and 2007 Platinum Hood Award for the Best
12 Barbershop; and the 2005 Spirit of Excellence Award for Business of the Year; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Gregory was featured in the *Savannah Morning News* Business Spotlight as a
14 Successful Minority Business; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a man who believed in giving back to his community, Gregory Tyson supported
16 several little league teams, including the Savannah Jazz, the Saints, the Boys and Girls Club,
17 and the Westside Whippers, and he sat on the board of the MLK Loan Fund; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, Sr., gave his life to
19 the Lord in 1997 and was ordained on January 6, 2002, at Temple of Glory Community
20 Church; and

21 WHEREAS, he accepted the position of Pastor of First Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
22 in Savannah, Georgia, in April, 2002, and under his leadership, that church has grown in size
23 from approximately 70 members to more than 1,500 members; and

24 WHEREAS, Gregory Tyson was united in love and marriage to Melanie, and was blessed
25 with two remarkable children, Jada and Gregory, Jr; and

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

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, Sr., will long be
33 remembered for his devotion to the Lord and his love of family and friendship, and this loyal
34 husband, father, pastor, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
35 knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Pastor Gregory A. Tyson,
38 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 family of Pastor Gregory A. Tyson, Sr.