

House Resolution 957

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Mosby of the 83rd, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Marion Barry; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a great Civil Rights leader and public
3 servant with the passing of Marion Barry; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Marion Barry was born on March 6, 1936, in Itta Bena, Mississippi; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in chemistry from LeMoyne College in 1958, and while
6 earning his graduate degree in chemistry at Fisk University he organized a campus chapter
7 of the NAACP; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was one of the student leaders who met with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in
9 1960 to establish the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and he was elected that
10 organization's first national chairman; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Marion Barry was elected mayor of Washington, D.C., in 1978, 1982, 1986,
12 and 1994, and during his tenure, he transformed that city from a jurisdiction run by the
13 federal government into a self-governing city and a mecca for African American politicians,
14 government administrators, businessmen, and intellectuals; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a dynamic leader, a wonderful friend, and a strategic master who strove
16 to serve the citizens of the District of Columbia to the best of his ability; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Marion Barry will long be remembered for
18 his love of the District of Columbia, and this loyal public servant and friend will be missed
19 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Marion Barry and express
22 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Marion Barry.