

Senate Resolution 832

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Julian Bond; 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 Mr. Julian Bond, a former Georgia state representative and senator; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was born on January 14, 1940, a beloved son of Horace Mann and
5 Julia Agnes Bond; and
- 6 WHEREAS, having coauthored the Appeal for Human Rights at age 20, Mr. Bond began his
7 civil rights activism at an early age; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he left college to serve as communications director of the Student Non-Violent
9 Coordinating Committee, an organization he co-founded, from 1961 to 1966, and returned
10 to Morehouse College in 1971, where he received a bachelor's degree in English; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965, where he
12 served for four terms; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond organized the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, and his name was
14 entered as a candidate for vice president of the United States during the 1968 Democratic
15 National Convention, the first time for any African American; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1971, he co-founded the Southern Poverty Law Center, where he served as
17 president until 1979; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1975, he was elected to the Georgia Senate and served until 1987; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was a professor at many colleges including American University,
20 Drexel University, Harvard University, and the University of Virginia, where he taught and
21 lectured from 1990 until 2015; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the NAACP from 1998 to 2009 and was outspoken
23 on many issues, including civil rights, climate change, and LGBT rights; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bond will long be remembered and
31 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Julian Bond and express their deepest and most
34 sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
37 Julian Bond.