

Senate Resolution 1067

By: Senator Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Howard Julian Spiller; 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. Howard Julian Spiller on February 15, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Spiller was born on July 30, 1931, in Columbus, Ohio, a beloved son of
5 Lena and Owsley Spiller, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, he
7 served with honor and distinction; and upon honorable discharge, he returned home and
8 began building a life of service to humanity; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in his early years, he served and worked for many community and business
10 organizations, including Columbus Parks and Recreation, Columbus Urban League, Small
11 Business Administration, and Project Outreach, and was a million dollar salesman with
12 Metropolitan Life Insurance; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Mr. Spiller formed a management consulting firm, CREED,
14 Inc., which helped minority business owners acquire financing and operate profitable
15 businesses; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in December 1981, he was one of the first three minorities to own a Wendy's
17 franchise and the first African American franchisee in Atlanta, Georgia, going on to own and
18 operate six Wendy's restaurants in downtown and the inner city and expanding to the Atlanta
19 Hartsfield-Jackson Airport as a minority partner with Concession Air; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Mr. Spiller was passionate about many things, including economic
21 development, mentoring youth, and advising future business owners; and

22 WHEREAS, his love for community and the City of Atlanta was personified by his vision
23 for the revitalization of historic Auburn Avenue; and

24 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Spiller was an active member of Ebenezer
25 Baptist Church, serving as a trustee; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Spiller has served on the board of the Georgia World Congress Center and
27 was a member and officer of the Atlanta chapter of 100 Black Men, a graduate of the 1991
28 class of Leadership Atlanta, and an ambassador for the 1996 Olympic Committee; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Spiller will long be remembered for
30 his dedication to his community and state and will be missed by all who had the great fortune
31 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. Howard Julian Spiller and express their deepest
34 and most 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 Howard Julian Spiller.