

House Resolution 1741

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Jones of the 53rd, Bruce of the 61st, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Metze of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Jasper W. Williams, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Reverend Jasper Williams, Jr.'s, magnetic personality, blended with an
3 explosive delivery style, has drawn audiences worldwide for more than three decades to hear
4 his spirit-filled sermons, and he has emerged as one of the most influential spiritual leaders
5 of this generation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as Senior Pastor of Salem Bible Church, "One Ministry in Two Locations," his
7 priority is expansion through evangelism; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Jasper Williams, Jr., was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on July 22, 1943, the
9 beloved son of Reverend Jasper Williams, Sr., and Alice Stewart Williams; and
- 10 WHEREAS, on Easter Sunday, 1963, at the age of 19, Jasper Williams, Jr., was invited to
11 preach at Salem Baptist Church on Martin Street in Atlanta, Georgia, and with God's
12 blessing, he has made Salem one of the key churches in the growing Baptist network; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Pastor Williams, Jr., has involved Salem in several notable social action
14 ministries: a free psychological counseling program, a day care center, the acquisition of
15 property on which an additional edifice was constructed, and the development of a
16 dual-structured, senior citizen high-rise, and grants were received totaling \$5.6 million for
17 Phase I and Phase II of the Alice Williams Towers, in honor of his late mother; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Pastor Williams, Jr., has served on the board of numerous service organizations,
19 including his ten-year work as the chair of the Evangelistic Committee's "Late Night
20 Services" under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he gained notoriety when he spoke about the relationship of Christian
22 consciousness to social evils, which is how he became known as "a man with a heart for the
23 people," and in keeping with his mission to be the voice of the people, his most recent

24 endeavor is as the founder of African American Churches Transforming Society, a
25 community based organization envisioned to help revitalize churches, strengthen families,
26 and rebuild communities through churches working in concert with social and governmental
27 agencies; and

28 WHEREAS, he holds two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees and is the recipient of many
29 awards and honors, among which are the Rev. C.L. Franklin Masters Award, the NAACP
30 Award, and the Award of Excellence conferred by the Gospel Music Workshop of America.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Reverend Jasper W. Williams, Jr., and
33 extend best wishes for continued success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
36 Reverend Jasper W. Williams, Jr.