

## House Resolution 508

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146<sup>th</sup>, Clark of the 147<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Mathis of the 144<sup>th</sup>, and Williams of the 148<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Chief Jimmy Williams; 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 Chief Jimmy Williams on February 26, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Chief Williams was born in Blackshear, Georgia, a beloved son of James W.  
5 Williams, Sr., and the late Lounell Kersey Williams; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated public servant who became a volunteer firefighter in 1982  
7 and worked his way up to assistant emergency management director by 1989; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Chief Williams was promoted to Fire Chief of the Houston County Fire  
9 Department in 1994, and he earned distinction and numerous awards for his long career of  
10 dedication to serving the community, including the Sherrill Stafford Government Service  
11 Award, which is presented annually to the community's most outstanding official in  
12 government; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Chief Williams was an active member of  
14 Second Baptist Church of Warner Robins and with the Nursery Life Group and faithfully  
15 taught the two-year-old class for more than 20 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Denise, and was blessed with  
17 two remarkable sons, Trent and Austin; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Chief Williams will long be remembered  
25 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Chief Jimmy Williams and  
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Chief Jimmy Williams.