

House Resolution 540

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 60th, and Burnough of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Dr. William Gay for his contributions to black radio; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. William Gay has worked with the National Black Radio Hall of Fame
- 3 programs and served as one of the national board members; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he dedicates his time to serving the community and his organization with his
- 5 steadfast support of the children's Drop Da MIC Debate Club and his work as facility
- 6 manager of the organization's developing museum and station; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Gay relocated to Atlanta in 1974 after being hired by the legendary James
- 8 "Alley" Pat to work at WERD 860 AM; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the station was purchased by Radio-AD INC., and the radio license changed call
- 10 letters to WXAP 860 AM; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during this time, he was the youngest black chief engineer in America and was
- 12 also the program director and music director; he later worked as a jazz radio personality and
- 13 as a technical engineer for Georgia Public Television; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Gay was a jazz DJ on WRFG 89.3 FM, WXLL 1310 AM (Gospel R&B
15 DJ), and WYZE 1480AM (R&B DJ); he later worked at WCLK 91.9 FM as an "oldies" heart
16 & soul DJ for 12 years; and

17 WHEREAS, he is the husband of Candi Gay and the father of three daughters as well as an
18 active member of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple located in Atlanta, Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, he gives inspiration to many through his optimism about the goodness of
20 humanity and the deep concern he demonstrates for his fellow citizens, regardless of race.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body honor Dr. William Gay for his contributions to black radio.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
25 William Gay.