

House Resolution 672

By: Representatives Metze of the 55th, Jackson of the 165th, Bennett of the 94th, Mitchell of the 88th, Jones of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Jamye Coleman 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 Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams on January 19, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams was born on December 15, 1918, in Louisville,
5 Kentucky; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1959, she completed her PhD in speech communication at the Ohio State
7 University and joined the faculty of Tennessee State University, becoming a professor and
8 taking over as head of her department in 1973 and serving until her retirement in 1987; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Williams was an active member of
10 African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she held numerous leadership positions and
11 helped pave the way for the first female bishop to be elected; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of her community, she received the Presidential Award
13 from the NAACP and was a life long member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to her husband, McDonald, and was
16 blessed with a remarkable daughter, Donna; a wonderful grandson, Douglass; and two
17 outstanding great-great-grandchildren, Jamye and Payton; and

18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Williams will long be remembered
22 for her love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the
23 great fortune of knowing her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Jamye Coleman
26 Williams and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Dr. Jamye Coleman Williams.