

Senate Resolution 1027

By: Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Howard of the 35th, Davenport of the 17th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Carl Wayne Scott Gilliard; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Carl Wayne Scott Gilliard has long been recognized by the
4 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Gilliard was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, a community
10 he remained deeply devoted to; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his life he has played a significant role in establishing numerous
12 programs and initiatives that strengthen and uplift his hometown; and

13 WHEREAS, he attended Morris Brown College, in Atlanta, Georgia, where he met Reverend
14 Hosea Williams, who became his lifelong mentor and a had a profound impact on his life;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, following college, Representative Gilliard returned to Savannah and founded
17 the positive rap group Candy Love, using music as a platform to combat violence in his
18 community and produce public service announcements; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his work with Candy Love, he wrote and produced gospel plays
20 and hosted several radio and television programs; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2016, Representative Gilliard was sworn in as a member of the Georgia
22 House of Representatives, representing District 162; and

23 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Gilliard championed landmark legislation,
24 including the Blind Bill, protecting the rights of blind parents; House Bill 750, the Chatham
25 County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission; and House Bill 479
26 which repealed Georgia's Citizens Arrest Law; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Gilliard has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia
28 House of Representatives, and his vision and unyielding commitment to the citizens of the
29 State of Georgia will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Representative Carl Wayne Scott Gilliard for his efficient, effective,
32 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of and extend the most sincere best wishes
33 for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Representative
36 Carl Wayne Scott Gilliard.