

House Resolution 1756

By: Representatives McClain of the 109th, Williams of the 168th, Hugley of the 141st, Mitchell of the 88th, Griffin of the 149th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Andre Moses White; 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 Andre Moses White; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Andre Moses White was born in Winter Park, Florida, a beloved son of Moses
5 and Lucille White; and
- 6 WHEREAS, her grew up in Tampa, Florida, and attended Middleton High School and
7 Lincoln High School; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he matriculated to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU),
9 where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education with a minor in Health
10 Education; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after graduating from FAMU, Andre Moses White was drafted by the Denver
12 Broncos as a Tight End and later played for the San Diego Chargers and the Cincinnati
13 Bengals; and

14 WHEREAS, following a career-ending injury, he returned to Tampa and served as the Equal
15 Employment Opportunity Commission Officer for Hillsborough County, where he is most
16 well-known for fighting to remove the confederate flag from the county seal; and

17 WHEREAS, following in his father's footsteps in food and entertainment, Andre Moses
18 White continued the legacy of Moses White's Cozy Corner BBQ restaurant and later became
19 the Road Manager for Marvin Gaye and a long-time confidant and business colleague of
20 James Brown; and

21 WHEREAS, Andre Moses White and his family moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in the late
22 1980s, where he and his son started *The Georgia Sentinel*, a progressive news outlet for
23 Atlanta's African-American community; and

24 WHEREAS, while in Atlanta, he became the President of the Auburn Avenue Merchants
25 Association; and

26 WHEREAS, during his tenure as President, he helped to rebuild the historical business
27 district and bring back patrons to the area, re-established the Auburn Avenue Festival, and
28 hosted the return of James Brown and the Famous Flames in a free reunion concert for the
29 community; and

30 WHEREAS, continuing his work in the community, Andre Moses White organized health
31 fairs to bring healthy habits, proper medical care, and nutrition to those most in need; and

32 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Andre Moses White was an active member of
33 First Saint Paul A.M.E Church in Lithonia, Georgia; and

34 WHEREAS, at the age of 71, Andre Moses White released two songs, *We're Americans* and
35 *My Man*, with his son's media company, Savant Media Ventures, where he took a bold stand
36 for American values; and

37 WHEREAS, he was the founder of the Moses White Foundation, where served as President
38 of the Foundation until his untimely passing from COVID-19 in 2020; and

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

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
43 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Andre Moses White and
44 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
47 family of Andre Moses White.