

House Resolution 2020

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, and Petrea of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

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

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

5 WHEREAS, currently serving his fourth term representing House District 162,
6 Representative Gilliard is widely recognized as one of the most productive democratic
7 lawmakers in Georgia, often referred to as the "James Brown of the Georgia General
8 Assembly" for his relentless work ethic; and

9 WHEREAS, his exemplary legislative portfolio includes impactful measures such as the
10 Savannah State Farmers Market Authority, the Weeping Time Cultural Heritage Corridor
11 Authority, the Savannah Music Commission Act, the Original 33 Memorial Act, and the
12 Autism Missing Persons Alert Act, among others; and

13 WHEREAS, he was elected as chairman of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus in 2023,
14 and his leadership has since helped elevate it to the largest Black caucus in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, he has further served his fellow citizens as founder of Candy Love, the nation's
16 first positive rap group; Project Love, a youth development organization; and Feed the
17 Hungry, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to feeding, restoring dignity, and uplifting the
18 working poor; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Gilliard's significant organizational and leadership talents,
20 remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the
21 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
22 associates; and

23 WHEREAS, he has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia House of
24 Representatives, and his vision and unyielding commitment to the citizens of Georgia will
25 be sorely missed upon his retirement; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately honored.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Representative Carl Gilliard for his
30 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia;
31 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best
32 wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Representative Carl Gilliard.