

House Resolution 81

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Cannon of the 58th, and Willis of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Eric Linwood Powell; 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 Reverend Eric Linwood Powell; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Eric Linwood Powell was born on July 4, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois,
5 a beloved son of Joseph Powell and Margaree Vereen; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army Chaplaincy, retiring at the rank of master sergeant in 2007 after 44 years of
8 active federal service; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he attended Chicago State University and completed his post graduate work at
10 Eden Theological Seminary before becoming a certified local pastor at the United Methodist
11 Church in November 2005; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Reverend Eric Linwood Powell graduated in May 2022 from the Gammon
13 Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theology Center with a Master of Arts in
14 religious education; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Eric Linwood Powell served for
16 seven years as pastor of the Dodd-Sterling UMC of Atlanta, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2019, Reverend Eric Linwood Powell served as Pastor of the Day on the
18 floor of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
26 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Reverend Eric Linwood Powell will long be
27 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
28 had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Eric Linwood
31 Powell and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Reverend Eric Linwood Powell.