

Senate Resolution 1016

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Williams of the 39th 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 on June 9, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Andre Moses White was born on October 7, 1944, in Winter Park, Florida, the
5 beloved third child of Moses and Lucille Williams White; and
- 6 WHEREAS, upon graduation from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, where he
7 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, Andre was drafted by the Denver
8 Broncos as a tight end; and
- 9 WHEREAS, over his distinguished football career, he also played for the San Diego
10 Chargers and was one of the first African Americans to sign with the Cincinnati Bengals; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an active member of the community, Andre served as president of the Auburn
12 Avenue Merchants Association, where he re-established the Auburn Avenue Festival, a
13 precursor to Music Midtown; as a board member of Wayfield Foods, where he played the
14 role of Wayfield's Santa Claus for nearly 30 years throughout inner-city communities; and
15 as president of the Moses White Foundation; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Andre was an active member of First Saint
17 Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lithonia, Georgia; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Joyce, and was blessed with four
19 remarkable children, Andre, Richard, Andrea, and Raulnina, and four wonderful
20 grandchildren, Alexandria, Lauren, Miles, and Marlee; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Andre will long be remembered for his
28 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
29 fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Andre Moses White and express their deepest and
32 most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
35 Andre Moses White.