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House Resolution 750

By: Representatives Mainor of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Crawford of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Tommy Dortch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy Dortch was born on April 12, 1950, in Toccoa, Georgia, to Mrs.
- 3 Lizzie Dortch and Mr. Thomas W. Dortch Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch attended Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, and
- 5 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology in 1972; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch began his civic and business successes as the first African American
- 7 man to become a chief administrator for a United States Senator; Senator Sam Nunn; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch was also the first African American Georgia Democratic State
- 9 Director; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch was chairman of 100 Black Men of America, chairman of the
- 11 National Coalition on Black Civil Participation (NCBCP), founder of the National Black
- 12 College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation Inc., and co-founder of the Georgia Association
- of Minority Entrepreneurs (GAME) and the Greater Atlanta Economic Alliance; and

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14 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch was the chairman and CEO of TWD Inc., CEO of the Atlanta

- 15 Transportation Systems Inc., chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Parking, chairman of Lancor
- 16 Parking Management LLC, and managing partner of FAD Consulting LLC; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch was a Florida A&M University trustee; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch received the Presidential Citation for volunteerism by President
- 19 George Bush and the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Service Award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta designated a Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Day to take place on
- 21 November 7 annually for his outstanding accomplishments; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Georgia now hereby recognizes April 12, 2024, as Mr. Tommy
- 23 Dortch Day; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Dortch is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carole Dortch; his sisters, Juanita
- Nickens and Marie Lucas; his children, Bridgette, Mulu, Mark, Angel, and Treyl; and his 14
- 26 grandchildren.
- 27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 28 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Mr. Tommy Dortch and express their
- 29 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
- 32 family of Mr. Tommy Dortch.