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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the life and legacy and expressing condolences upon
2 the passing of Julian Bond, civil rights icon, legislator and
3 professor.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Julian Bond, born Horace Julian Bond on January
5 14, 1940, in Nashville, Tennessee, passed away on the evening of
6 August 15, 2015, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was born to Horace Mann Bond and Julia
8 Agnes Washington and resided in this Commonwealth following his
9 father's installation as the first African-American president of
10 Lincoln University; and

11 WHEREAS, Julian Bond was educated at the George School, a
12 Quaker preparatory institution in Bucks County, and
13 subsequently attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond has been described as an icon of the 1960s
15 civil rights movement; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was an advocate for equality and justice
17 who later became a professor and legislator; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond began his journey as a civil rights
2 activist while as a student at Morehouse College, becoming one
3 of the founders and communications director for the Student Non-
4 Violent Coordinating Committee, a student-based organization
5 formed to address discrimination, social injustice and voter
6 registration through the use of nonviolent methods such as sit-
7 ins and public demonstrations, which was significant to the
8 1960s civil rights movement; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond continued his work to advance civil rights
10 by successfully winning a seat as a member of the Georgia State
11 Legislature in 1965, however, as a result of his prior public
12 opposition to the Vietnam War, his fellow legislators voted to
13 have him removed; and

14 WHEREAS, That removal was deemed unconstitutional by a 9-0
15 decision of the United States Supreme Court and Mr. Bond went on
16 to serve for two decades in the Georgia State Legislature as a
17 State Representative and State Senator; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. Bond became the first African American
19 nominated as a candidate for Vice President, although he was not
20 able to run because of the constitutional age requirement; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond, along with Morris Dee, founded the
22 Southern Poverty Law Center where Mr. Bond served as the
23 president from 1971 to 1979 and remained on its board for the
24 rest of his life; and

25 WHEREAS, He served as Chairman of the National Association
26 for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1998 to 2008
27 and used his passion for civil rights and equality to advance
28 the lives of others beyond just racial minorities; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond's influence has manifested itself in many
30 forms, including, but not limited to, his literary contributions

1 as a writer, a poet, a television commentator and a college
2 professor; and

3 WHEREAS, During his later years, Mr. Bond taught at several
4 universities, including Drexel University, the University of
5 Pennsylvania, Williams College, University of Virginia, Harvard
6 University and American University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond's contributions to social justice and the
8 civil rights movement will influence generations to come;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the life and legacy and
11 express condolences upon the passing of Mr. Julian Bond, a civil
12 rights icon, legislator and professor.