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Georgia Senate Resolution honors the late Julian Bond

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond expressed his family's gratitude to the members of the Georgia State Senate for honoring the late Julian Bond on Thursday, March 10.

Bond was nationally known as a social activist and leader in the Civil Rights Movement. While a student at Morehouse College during the early 1960s, he helped to establish the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Bond was elected to four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and later to six terms in the Georgia State Senate, serving a combined twenty years in both legislative chambers. From 1998 to 2010, he was chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, among other achievements during his life.

Julian Bond passed away on August 15.

Senate Resolution 832 reads as follows:

A Resolution by: Senators Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others.

Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Julian Bond; and for other purposes. The State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Julian Bond, a former Georgia state representative and senator. Having coauthored the Appeal for Human Rights at age 20, Mr. Bond began his civil rights activism at an early age. He served as communications director of the Student non-Violent Coordinating Committee, an organization he

co-founded, from 1961 to 1966. He received a bachelor's degree in English and was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965, where he served for four (4) terms.

Mr. Bond organized the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, and his name was entered as a candidate for vice president of the United States during the 1968 Democratic National Convention, the first time for any African American.

Mr. Bond was a professor at many colleges including American University, Drexel University, Harvard University, and the University of Virginia, where he taught and lectured from 1990 to 2015. He served as chairman of the NAACP from 1998 to 2009 and was outspoken on many issues, including civil rights, climate change, and LGBT rights. He gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by other.

The State Senate that the members of the body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Julian Bond and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.



Jeffrey Bond, Phyllis Bond McMillian Councilman Michael Julian Bond
Gail Davenport, Nan Orrock, Horacena Tate, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
Able Mabel Thomas, Donzella James, Senator Vincent Fort