



**Republican
National
Committee**

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR EDWARD WILLIAM BROOKE, III

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2015, the Republican National Committee and the people of Massachusetts lost an inspirational friend and statesman in the passing of Senator Edward William Brooke, III; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee wishes to remember Senator Brooke as a trailblazer who faithfully served our nation, the State of Massachusetts, and our party; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke became the first African American elected to the office of State Attorney General from 1963-1967; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke became the first African American Senator elected by popular vote, where he then served as a Republican Senator from 1967 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke bravely served his country as an officer in the United States Army during World War II and earned a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, upon being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President George W. Bush said "Senator Brooke is remembered for the high intellect and superb judgment he brought to the Senate"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Brooke was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 2009; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Senator Edward William Brooke, III, a pioneer and a statesman whose determination and passion for public service inspired the lives of many, and extends their heartfelt condolences to all of Senator Brooke's family and friends.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 16, 2015.*