

## House Resolution 163

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Pelote of the 149<sup>th</sup>, Bordeaux of the 151<sup>st</sup>, Day of the 153<sup>rd</sup> and Mueller of the 152<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Judge Eugene H. Gadsden and expressing regret at his passing; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, retired Chatham County Superior Court Judge Eugene H. Gadsden, whose  
4 leadership and legal expertise anchored the City of Savannah's civil rights movement, died  
5 on August 9, 2000, at the age of 88 years; and

6 WHEREAS, a Savannah native, he was the first black member of both the Savannah Bar  
7 Association and the Chamber of Commerce; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1979, at the age of 67 years, he was appointed to the Chatham County  
9 Superior Court; and

10 WHEREAS, long before he was a judge, he was instrumental in the local civil rights  
11 movement to which he devoted countless hours; and

12 WHEREAS, as a native son, a trained lawyer, and a member of a well-known family, he  
13 earned the respect of blacks and whites alike; and

14 WHEREAS, as co-chair of the local NAACP's political action council in the 1960's and  
15 1970's, he brought character, integrity, and dependability to its efforts to break down  
16 segregation and discrimination in the City of Savannah; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Gadsden was a pillar of strength in his community during a time of great  
18 need and he is remembered by those who knew him well as a great leader and a man of  
19 principle who lived a good life.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body honor the life of Judge Eugene H. Gadsden, express their gratitude

1 for his excellent service to the State of Georgia, and extend their sincere condolences to his  
2 beloved family.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Ida J. Gadsden.