

House Resolution 165

By: Representatives Jackson of the 148th, Pelote of the 149th, Bordeaux of the 151st, Day of the 153rd and Brooks of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Earl T. Shinhoster; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, upon the death of Earl T. Shinhoster on June 11, 2000, the citizens of the State
3 of Georgia lost a true champion; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated and effective advocate for justice and human dignity and
5 wherever that cause could be served he could be depended upon to go; and

6 WHEREAS, despite tear-gas bombs and threats to his life, Earl Shinhoster spent more than
7 30 years pioneering civil rights locally, nationally, and internationally; and

8 WHEREAS, as remembered by friends, he was genuinely concerned with the welfare of the
9 masses and was uniquely willing to place the well-being of the cause above his own well-
10 being; and

11 WHEREAS, a Savannah native, he was known for his tireless civil rights crusade, including
12 service as acting executive director and CEO of the National Association for the
13 Advancement of Colored People from February 1995 to February 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, he began his NAACP career in the 1960s as a youth volunteer leader, and over
15 the years, he worked his way up to top positions in the organization and helped to maintain
16 the position of the NAACP as the nation's most viable civil rights organization; and

17 WHEREAS, most recently, he was involved in a nation-wide effort to raise census
18 participation among African Americans as director of the Voter Empowerment project and
19 last year, kicked off the project's campaign in Savannah; and

20 WHEREAS, his lifelong passion for justice and equality helped to change the vision of life's
21 possibilities for citizens of this state and throughout the country; and

- 1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Ruby, and by his son, Michael.
- 2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
3 the members of this body honor the life and enduring legacy of Earl T. Shinhoster, express
4 their utmost gratitude for his unparalleled service on behalf of the citizens of the State of
5 Georgia, and extend their sincere condolences to his family.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Ruby Shinhoster.