

House Resolution 1303

By: Representatives Teper of the 61st, Watson of the 70th, Henson of the 65th, Davis of the 60th, McClinton of the 68th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Jim Cone; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jim Cone will be long remembered as the very capable and dedicated Director
3 of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs for DeKalb County where he provided excellent
4 leadership, planning, and administration of public facilities that influenced the quality of life
5 for his fellow citizens and their families; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in founding the Georgia Special Olympics for physically
7 and mentally challenged children, a noble program that earned DeKalb County national
8 respect and recognition; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he helped initiate the effort to save the old DeKalb County courthouse on the
10 city square in Decatur, helped restore the dilapidated Candler family Callanwolde mansion
11 as a center for the arts, and actively attracted the film industry to DeKalb County; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a valuable resource in the state legislative enactment of many
13 environmental protection measures, was appointed to the Georgia Board of Natural
14 Resources by former Governor Jimmy Carter, and was inducted in the Georgia Parks and
15 Recreation Hall of Fame in 1995; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the foresight, imagination, and persistence of this very effective administrator
17 and his wonderful style and tremendous patience earned him the respect and admiration of
18 colleagues, associates, and citizens who valued him deeply.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body express regret at the loss of Jim Cone and convey their heartfelt
21 sympathy to his beloved family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Cone.