

## House Resolution 1402

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Seay of the 93<sup>rd</sup> and McKinney of the 51<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of William Glover "Billy" Densmore and expressing  
2 regret at his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as coordinator of the Northside School of the Performing Arts in Atlanta,  
4 Georgia, for over two decades, Billy Densmore touched hundreds of lives; and

5 WHEREAS, a radio gospel singer turned teacher, he produced several Broadway shows a  
6 year at the magnet high school, which is now North Atlanta High School; and

7 WHEREAS, his touring group called the Show Biz Kids performed for the United States  
8 Congress, the Prince of Wales, several International Olympic Committees, toured Europe  
9 several times, and once performed Handel's "Messiah" in St. Petersburg, Russia; and

10 WHEREAS, many of his students went on to professional careers in the arts, including  
11 actresses Jasmine Guy and Crystal Fox, opera singers Tichina Vaughn and Colenton  
12 Freeman, and Atlanta nightclub singer Libby Whittemore; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a special man who saw something special in everyone and gave  
14 everyone a chance; and

15 WHEREAS, he inspired so many young people who would never have otherwise had the  
16 opportunity to excel without his love, encouragement, and discipline; and

17 WHEREAS, he is remembered and respected for having challenged conventions and for  
18 using the arts to break through social barriers; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, his father was a police detective and his mother was a  
20 nightclub singer who "turned toward loving all people," as he did.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body honor the life and achievements of William Glover "Billy"  
3 Densmore and express their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Donald L. Densmore of  
6 Villa Rica, Georgia.