

House Resolution 1402

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

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.