

House Resolution 1602

By: Representative Epps of the 131st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Frank Pike; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Frank Pike is a beloved citizen and a remarkable man whose life has evolved
3 into a paradigm of selfless service and earned him the admiration and respect of an entire
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Mauk, Georgia, on January 10, 1944, the third of the five
6 children of Herbert and Sarah Pike; and

7 WHEREAS, he began working as a child and joined the United States Navy as a young man;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, his military service became a successful 20 year career, with several tours of
10 duty in Vietnam that totaled 42 months in the Gulf of Tonkin; and

11 WHEREAS, he retired honorably in 1981 as a Chief Petty Officer; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1986, he was united in marriage to Lani Yacksyzn and their loving
13 partnership has endured and flourished to the benefit of the entire community; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank settled with Lani in Manchester, Georgia, where he became actively
15 involved in the community; and

16 WHEREAS, he is immensely patriotic and civic minded and his deep concern for his
17 community developed into political activism; and

18 WHEREAS, along with his wife, Frank attended and spoke on issues before the city council;
19 helped to organize and run Manchester's Citizens' for Better Government; helped to set up
20 the city's first neighborhood watch; and started a clean-up campaign; and

1 WHEREAS, Frank's reputation for generosity and selflessness and his willingness to help
2 people in need spread throughout the community and attracted to him many people in need
3 from whom he never turned away; and

4 WHEREAS, he involved himself deeply and personally in the case of a man wrongly
5 accused of a crime and worked tirelessly to effect justice; and

6 WHEREAS, acting out of his deep-seated beliefs and a genuine love for humanity, Frank
7 Pike has given his gifts in service to others and all that he has done is greatly appreciated.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body honor Frank Pike for his remarkable service to his community,
10 express their gratitude for his contributions to society, and extend their kindest regards.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Frank Pike.