

## House Resolution 233

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Mobley of the 69<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 148<sup>th</sup>, Pelote of the 149<sup>th</sup>, Seay of the 93<sup>rd</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 In memory and honor of the life of Earl T. Shinhoster; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Earl T. Shinhoster was born to the late Willie and Nadine Shinhoster of  
3 Savannah, Georgia, on July 5, 1950; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his parents were Christians who taught him the importance of godliness,  
5 education, and respect for all people and instilled in him the lifelong desire to correct the  
6 social inequality he witnessed as a child; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at the age of 13 years, he became an active member of the NAACP Youth  
8 Council where his early diligence and passion for civil rights was evident by his youthful  
9 energy as he folded envelopes, participated in sit-ins, and rallied in picket lines; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he graduated from Morehouse College in 1972 and furthered his studies at the  
11 Cleveland State University College of Law; and
- 12 WHEREAS, throughout his life, he served in many capacities while striving to uphold justice  
13 and high standards of civil and human rights; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was affiliated with numerous organizations which were committed to  
15 effecting positive social change in the United States and in Africa; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during the more than 30 years he spent with the NAACP and as an activist of  
17 voter rights, he helped to shape policies of government affecting millions of lives; and
- 18 WHEREAS, as the acting executive director and chief executive officer of the NAACP from  
19 1995 to 1996, he was responsible for the daily operations and management of the  
20 organization nationally; and during his tenure significantly reduced the organization's debt  
21 and increased its membership; and

1 WHEREAS, Earl Shinhoster willingly sacrificed his personal interests for the cause of  
2 fighting for the rights of people of color and protecting the human rights of all citizens of the  
3 world; and

4 WHEREAS, he was uniquely qualified to serve as he did, and, upon his death on June 11,  
5 2000, the world lost a true champion.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body remember and honor the life of Earl T. Shinhoster, an outstanding  
8 citizen of the State of Georgia and a true public servant.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sincere condolences are expressed to his loving wife,  
10 Ruby Shinhoster, and his beloved son, Michael Omar Shinhoster.

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 Mrs. Ruby Shinhoster.