

## House Resolution 309

By: Representatives Brooks of the 54<sup>th</sup>, McKinney of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Seay of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Jordan of the 96<sup>th</sup>, Mangham of the 75<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Alfonso Dawson and expressing regret at his passing; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alfonso Dawson was born in 1926 in Warrenton, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, as the owner of the Alfonso Dawson Mortuary, he revolutionized the funeral  
5 home business in the City of Atlanta and raised the standards for business throughout the  
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, he was honored on numerous occasions throughout his career for the quality of  
8 his work and the significance of his contributions; and

9 WHEREAS, in May of 2000, he was recognized by the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners  
10 Association for his valuable contributions; and

11 WHEREAS, the 9th District of Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association named him  
12 Mortician of the Year in 1987, and the organization, People Involved Who Care, named him  
13 Businessman of the Year in 1980; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was an innovative man with vision who proved that hard work and  
15 diligence can bring success; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the National Funeral  
17 Directors and Morticians Association, and the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners  
18 Association, Inc. - 9th District, which he chaired from 1990 to 1994; and

19 WHEREAS, for over 30 years he was a member of the Salem Baptist Church where he  
20 served as a trustee; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson's wife, Elizabeth Latimer Dawson, passed away in 1984, but he  
2 is survived by four beloved children, Phoebe Dawson Ushery, Kathye Dawson, Alfonso L.  
3 Dawson, and Angela Dawson Kendall; five grandchildren; and one sister.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
5 the members of this body honor the life and accomplishments of Alfonso Dawson, recognize  
6 his outstanding contributions to the State of Georgia, and express their condolences to his  
7 family.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Alfonso  
10 Dawson.