

House Resolution 578

By: Representatives Seay of the 93rd, Teague of the 58th, Brooks of the 54th, Smyre of the 136th, McKinney of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring John Calvin Martin, Jr., on the occasion of his seventieth birthday; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Calvin Martin, Jr., was born on June 25, 1931, the son of John Calvin
4 Martin, Sr., and Rosa Ella Hunter Martin; and

5 WHEREAS, he was lovingly raised by four women: his mother; his grandmother, the late
6 Lade Hunter; and his two sisters, the late Zealpa Mae Daniels and Velma Smith; and

7 WHEREAS, he received his education in the City of Atlanta at Gray Street Elementary
8 School, Davis St. High School, and Booker T. Washington High School; and

9 WHEREAS, industrious and responsible throughout his life, he started working at the age
10 of 12 years to help support his family and earned the affectionately bestowed title, "man of
11 the family"; and

12 WHEREAS, as a boy, he worked odd jobs, such as the bowling alley, the Rainbow Inn, the
13 Varsity, and the Split T, to name a few; and

14 WHEREAS, he worked as a bellman at the Biltmore Hotel off and on for 32 years until it
15 closed in 1979 and was a bellman for the Cabana Motel during the 1960's and the American
16 Motor Hotel in the late 1980's and 1990's; and

17 WHEREAS, he also ran two businesses of his own, the Spic and Span Hot Dog Stand on
18 Gray Street and the Knight Cap Night Club on Bankhead Highway in Atlanta; and

19 WHEREAS, he worked continuously from the time he was 12 years old until his retirement
20 in 1999; and

1 WHEREAS, he fathered four daughters and one son: Beverly Jean Martin Leverett, born on
2 October 3, 1950; the late Jonathan Calvin Martin, born on February 18, 1952; State
3 Representative Valencia Martin Seay, born on July 6, 1953; Terry Martin Wallace, born on
4 August 29, 1960; and Christy Martin, born September 5, 1966; and

5 WHEREAS, he has been blessed with five grandchildren: Micheal Leverett, Vincent Seay,
6 Wendy Seay, Jami Leverett, and Jeremy Wallace; and two great grandsons: Micheal
7 Leverett, Jr., and Vincent Seay II; and

8 WHEREAS, a life well-lived and a man much beloved is duly honored.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body honor and congratulate John Calvin Martin, Jr., on the joyous
11 occasion of his seventieth birthday on June 25, 2001, and extend to him best wishes for
12 continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John Calvin Martin, Jr.