

House Resolution 728

By: Representatives Stanley of the 49th, Brooks of the 54th, Stanley of the 50th, Reed of the 52nd, McClinton of the 68th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the untimely passing of Mr. Anthony Flanagan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the state of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
3 of Mr. Anthony Flanagan on January 12, 2001; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born in Atlanta of the late Thomas and Odessa Flanagan, and he began
5 his athletic career playing football on a coal strewn field at the corner of Coleman and
6 Stephens streets in Atlanta's Pittsburgh community, where only the toughest played; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he went on to play sports for the public schools of Atlanta and in football try-
8 outs in the fifth grade, Anthony, always selfless and eager to be a part of the team,
9 volunteered to play center while other boys vied for the "skilled" positions, but he was seen
10 in a pick-up touch football game, his coaches recognized his talent and from then on he
11 played only quarterback except for a brief stint as defensive back during his junior year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, at Southwest High School, he became a three sport star, being named All
13 American in football, basketball, and baseball, and after being the most heavily recruited
14 athlete in the state, he decided to attend the University of Georgia, where he was a basketball
15 standout, playing football during his junior year, where he became the first black athlete to
16 play the position of quarterback; and
- 17 WHEREAS, after college, he went on to play for the Hawaii Volcanos basketball team, the
18 San Francisco 49ers, and the Boston Breakers of the USFL, and when his professional career
19 was over he returned to Atlanta to coach at the John F. Kennedy Middle School, where he
20 soon became a favorite of the kids; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Mr. Flanagan is survived by his wife, Rosalyn Flanagan, two sons, Antione
22 Flanagan stationed in Norfolk, Virginia with the U.S. Navy and Darius Gilmer of High Point,
23 North Carolina, and one grandson, Qwa' Darius Walker of Marietta.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body express regret at the untimely passing of Mr. Anthony Flanagan
3 and convey condolences to his grieving 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 Mrs. Rosalyn Flanagan.