

## House Resolution 692

By: Representatives Coleman of the 118<sup>th</sup>, Skipper of the 116<sup>th</sup>, Buck of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Morris of the 120<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Paul D. Lynch; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on August 10, 2002, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most  
3 distinguished citizens with the tragic passing of Paul D. Lynch; and

4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for excellence in all  
5 his endeavors and he has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role  
6 that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
7 of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the Office of Legislative Fiscal Officer was established to oversee and  
9 centralize expenditures and fiscal accounting within the legislative branch of government;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the position of Legislative Fiscal Officer is one of great honor, trust, and  
12 responsibility since that official is directly responsible for acting as bookkeeper and  
13 comptroller for the General Assembly; maintaining accounts of legislative expenditures and  
14 commitments; overseeing payment of legislative salaries, allowances, and travel expenses;  
15 and giving approval of all purchases of supplies and other material for the General Assembly;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, from 1983 until his retirement in 2002, these arduous tasks were undertaken by  
18 Paul D. Lynch with steadfast dedication, unparalleled professionalism, infinite patience,  
19 premier proficiency, assiduous ability, and complete competence; and

20 WHEREAS, this beloved individual exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding  
21 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties throughout his  
22 career of peerless service from 1967 to 1977 with the Department of Education and from  
23 1977 to 2002 with the General Assembly; and

1 WHEREAS, this always humorous and often ironic individual was unfailingly cheerful and  
2 welcoming as he knowledgeably and efficiently dispensed financial information and services  
3 to legislators and legislative staff; and

4 WHEREAS, his genuine respect for other points of view and his wonderful sense of humor  
5 continually demonstrated what a truly quintessential gentleman he was to all his friends and  
6 associates under the Gold Dome; and

7 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
8 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of  
9 the General Assembly earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
10 associates; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
12 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and  
13 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state; and his friendship is  
14 counted by all who work at the State Capitol as a special experience they will always  
15 treasure; and

16 WHEREAS, the passing of this distinguished Georgian leaves an unfillable void in the hearts  
17 and lives of his family and friends.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that members  
19 of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Paul D. Lynch;  
20 commend the over three and one-half decades of care, courage, and selfless dedication he  
21 exhibited in carrying out the difficult duties and responsibilities of his office; and extend to  
22 his family their utmost appreciation for his having so purely and truly defined for others the  
23 meaning of public servant.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Paul D. Lynch.