

House Resolution 1636

By: Representative Brooks of the 47<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Golden A. Frinks; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Golden A. Frinks, a great leader of the civil rights movement in the United  
3 States, has long lived the philosophy of nonviolence and has not wavered in his devotion to  
4 the vision of nonviolent social change; and

5 WHEREAS, a native and still a resident of Edenton, North Carolina, in 1956 the Edenton  
6 Movement was begun when he led a group of students in Edenton's first public  
7 demonstration against segregation; and

8 WHEREAS, for six years, he and the students peacefully protested every Sunday afternoon  
9 outside the local theater until victory was won in 1962 when the theater lifted its racial ban;  
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11 WHEREAS, in recognition of his tenacious commitment to the cause of justice, Dr. Martin  
12 Luther King, Jr. asked him to join the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and to work  
13 as the field secretary of North Carolina; and

14 WHEREAS, he was eventually promoted to national field secretary and traveled throughout  
15 the south during turbulent and extremely dangerous times to organize civil rights movements;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, by his own reckoning, he may have been jailed more times and received longer  
18 sentences than any other civil rights leader in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, the example of his fearless determination, his abiding love for his fellow man,  
20 and his unshakeable belief in human dignity propelled his actions and made him a living  
21 legend; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Frinks still plays an active and significant role in the fight for equality.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
3 the members of this body honor Dr. Golden A. Frinks and express to him their deep  
4 admiration and appreciation for his life of service.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Golden A. Frinks.