

House Resolution 2008

By: Representative Epps of the 90<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Lewis Banks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lewis Banks was born on July 28, 1922, in Valdosta, Georgia, where he  
3 attended public school; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia State College in Savannah (now Savannah State  
5 University) in 1943; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served honorably as a member of the United States Army during World War  
7 II and earned the rank of corporal; and
- 8 WHEREAS, after receiving a master's degree from Columbia University where he also did  
9 doctoral studies, he was recruited to teach in the new education department at Paine College  
10 in New York; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1953, he moved to Toccoa, Georgia, to become the principal of a new black  
12 school for grades 1-12 where he stayed for four years until the school achieved its  
13 accreditation; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1957, he moved to LaGrange, Georgia, where he served with unsurpassed  
15 distinction as principal of East Depot Elementary School for 20 years; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after his retirement from the school system he continued to serve his community  
17 in many capacities, including 16 years as a member of the Housing Authority Board; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in his first year of retirement he was invited by a special committee to deliver  
19 the invocation at a county-wide ceremony honoring the 200th anniversary of the U.S.  
20 Constitution, and his speech is now a part of the Congressional Record.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 the members of this body honor Lewis Banks for a lifetime of outstanding achievement and  
3 genuine service and express their appreciation for his many lasting contributions to the State  
4 of Georgia.

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 Lewis Banks.