

## House Resolution 34

By: Representatives Powell of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Jamieson of the 28<sup>th</sup>, Hill of the 180<sup>th</sup>, and Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Loring Keels Baker; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker began his lifelong passion for amateur boxing as a boxing champion  
3 in his youth and went on to volunteer his time as president of the USA Amateur Boxing  
4 Federation, secretary-general of the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, and  
5 Georgia boxing commissioner; and

6 WHEREAS, his legacy to the sport includes many innovations to increase safety, including  
7 the head gear rule with which he is credited, and good sportsmanship through the elimination  
8 of cheating and other dishonest practices, especially within Olympic boxing; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker helped to shape the unparalleled 1984 Olympic Boxing Team, which  
10 won nine gold medals, a silver medal, and a bronze medal, the most medals ever won by an  
11 Olympic boxing team, and also made time to help mold the character of many disadvantaged  
12 children through his involvement in local amateur boxing; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker leaves behind a wealth of loving friends and family who will  
14 remember him for his engaging manner, his high spirits, and his many passions and talents;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, with the passing of Mr. Loring Keels Baker, the State of Georgia has lost a most  
17 estimable citizen who exemplified the best qualities of sportsmanship.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mr.  
20 Loring Keels Baker and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Loring
- 3 Keels Baker.