

## House Resolution 265

By: Representatives Anderson of the 123<sup>rd</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Stanley-Turner of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Commissioner Herman Lodge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, in 1982, as the result of the landmark United States Supreme Court decision in  
3 Lodge v. Rogers, et al., which held that at-large elections diluted black voting strength,  
4 Commissioner Herman Lodge became one of only two African Americans elected to the  
5 Burke County Commission; and

6 WHEREAS, this not only began a career of service to the citizens of Burke County that  
7 would span more than four decades but also paved the way for a greater number of black  
8 elected officials in Georgia and throughout the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, as a faithful, dedicated member of the Georgia Association of Black Elected  
10 Officials, he received numerous civic and community service awards and honors from  
11 Mount Olive A.M.E. Church, the NAACP, the Burke County Improvement Association,  
12 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the ACLU, and the Veterans  
13 Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lodge played a key role in the movement to rejuvenate the City  
15 of Keyville; and

16 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably as a United States Army and Air Force Reserve  
17 veteran and helped to shape many of Georgia's children as a teacher and coach; and

18 WHEREAS, Herman Lodge was an active, lifelong member of Mount Olive A.M.E. Church,  
19 a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Mrs. Anna Roberts Lodge, and an outstanding father  
20 to their child, Terri Patrice Lodge Kelly; and

1 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lodge will be remembered as a strong and determined advocate  
2 for civil and human rights and a community leader who demonstrated great dedication to the  
3 betterment of Burke County and the quality of life of its citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, with the passing of Herman Lodge, the State of Georgia has lost an esteemed  
5 citizen and a distinguished public servant.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body join to express their deepest regret at the passing of Commissioner  
8 Herman Lodge and extend their sincere condolences to his family.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Commissioner  
11 Herman Lodge.