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House Resolution 1241

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup>, Richardson of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of State Representative Henry Howard and inviting his
- 2 family to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, State Representative Henry Howard passed away unexpectedly on Monday,
- 4 October 3, 2005, in Augusta at the age of 75; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Representative Howard worked at Davidson's Department Store and J.B.
- 6 White's Department Store before founding Howard's Enterprises, which included Howard's
- 7 Upholstery, Uniforms Unlimited, and Tina's Shoe Gallery, and he was a gospel music
- 8 promoter, one of the founders of the Spirits of Harmony gospel quartet, and the executive
- 9 producer of the television show, "Parade of Quartets," which is in its fifty-first year; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he began his political career as a member of the Richmond County Board of
- 11 Commissioners, where he served from 1985 to 1990, and he was elected to the Georgia
- 12 General Assembly in 1990, where he served as a member of the House of Representatives
- 13 until his death; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Representative Howard served on numerous committees during his 14 year
- 15 tenure, always representing his constituents and the people of the State of Georgia with
- 16 intelligence and dignity, and as a small business owner, he understood the challenges and
- 17 needs of the average citizen; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a consensus builder, often a voice of calm in the
- 19 storm, and he advised younger representatives on the importance of knowing when to
- 20 compromise and when to fight and never to turn a political battle into a personal attack on
- an opponent; and

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1 WHEREAS, perhaps his highest praise comes from his loving wife, Earnestine, who said,

- 2 "He was a true public servant, and he loved helping people, and he was truly the best
- 3 husband, the best father any man could be just a true family man."
- 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 5 the members of this body note the passing of State Representative Henry Howard with a
- 6 mixture of sadness and joy in the resurrection and offer prayers for his grieving family and
- 7 friends.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the family of State Representative Henry Howard is
- 9 invited to appear before this body on a date and at a time to be designated by the Speaker of
- 10 the House of Representatives.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Earnestine Howard.