

House Resolution 1279

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120th and Howard, E. of the 121st

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering and honoring the life of Dr. Arthur Herndon Shaw; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur Herndon Shaw was born on April 25, 1937, to Arthur and Eliza
3 Shaw; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Moultrie, Georgia, Dr. Shaw received a bachelor's of science degree
5 from Tuskegee Institute in 1957, a masters of music education from Vandercook College in
6 1970, and a doctorate of education degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1980; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw combined his two great passions, music and teaching, in a
8 distinguished career that included service as coordinator of fine arts and director of bands at
9 T. W. Josey High School and director of bands at Glenn Hills High School and A. R.
10 Johnson Junior High School; he also taught at Paine College and Augusta College as an
11 adjunct professor of music and retired as the director of School Social Work for the
12 Richmond County Board of Education; and

13 WHEREAS, a highly gifted vocalist, Dr. Shaw performed on the Eddie Fisher Show in 1953,
14 with Helen Hayes at Franklin Roosevelt's Little White House in 1954, at the Metropolitan
15 Opera House in 1955, and at Radio City Music Hall for five weeks in 1958; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw was a greatly respected and admired member of his community who
17 for several years served as the choir director at Bethel A.M.E. Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Shaw leaves behind a loving and devoted family, including his wife of 46
19 years, Yvonne J. Shaw; his daughters and son-in-law, Tara D. Burns and KiKi Shaw and
20 Leon R. Avera; his sister and brother-in-law, LaRosa and James Pinder; his seven
21 grandchildren, Michael Jones, Herndon Burns, Mercedes Avera, James Burns, Pepse Collier,
22 Jasmine Avera, and Parrish L. Avera; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia lost a most estimable citizen on February 4, 2006, with the passing of
2 Dr. Arthur Herndon Shaw.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Dr.
5 Arthur Herndon Shaw and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Yvonne J. Shaw.