

House Resolution 1512

By: Representative Watson of the 91st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Leroy Irving, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Leroy Irving, Sr., was born on November 29, 1927, in Valdosta, Georgia, the
3 son of Mr. M.T. Crawford and Queen Esther Irving; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he completed all of his early and high school education in the Lowndes County
5 Public School System, and went on to Georgia State College, now known as Savannah State
6 University, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1950, and obtained a
7 master's degree in arts from Atlanta University in 1972; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he accepted Christ at an early age and attended Woods Chapel AME Church
9 in Valdosta, Georgia, where his mother was the Sunday School Superintendent; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served his country honorably for two years in the United States Army, being
11 a demolitions expert in the Korean War; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Irving had a love for education and began teaching at Wrightsville
13 Elementary School in Wrightsville, Georgia in 1955, teaching mathematics at various
14 elementary and middle schools throughout Georgia for 35 years; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Educators Association, Atlanta Federation of
16 Teachers, Georgia Association of Educators, National Teachers and Educators Association,
17 and NAACP; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his philosophy in teaching was "what a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was very active in his community serving as a cubmaster for Pack 253, a
20 Civil Defense Coordinator, a member of the School Professional Committee and a PTA
21 committee chairman, and an active member of Big Bethel AME Church since 1955, singing

1 in the choir and teaching many Bethelites as students over the years, many of whom have
2 become very successful; and

3 WHEREAS, he was married for 52 years to the love of his life, Mrs. Pearlyne LaSyne
4 Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, this dynamic, productive, and high achieving Georgian will be sorely missed
6 by all who were privileged to know him.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body hereby recognize and honor the life and contributions of Mr. Leroy
9 Irving, Sr., and extend to his family their most sincere condolences.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby
11 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr.
12 Leroy Irving, Sr.