

## House Resolution 1469

By: Representatives Jackson of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Williams of the 89<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Forest Johnson, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Forest Johnson, Sr., on November 28, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born on March 29, 1917, in Washington County, Georgia, the  
5 beloved eldest son of the late Ned and Effie Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Johnson was an active and faithful  
7 member of St. James Holiness Church, where he served in almost every area of the ministry  
8 from cleaning and building the church to serving as ordained deacon and a board member;  
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Nellie Paris,  
11 on April 9, 1939, and was blessed with the love of 14 children, Forest, Jr., Samuel, Nathaniel,  
12 Minnie, Christine, Elizabeth, Carrie, Mary Ann, Jean, Alvin, Calvin, James, Joseph, and  
13 Melvin; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory and the wonderful times  
15 shared, including many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces,  
16 nephews, cousins, and friends; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Johnson will long be remembered for  
21 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will  
22 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Forest Johnson, Sr.,  
25 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Forest  
28 Johnson, Sr.