

House Resolution 2013

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Mangham of the 94th, Collins of the 95th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Joe Beasley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Beasley has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley diligently and conscientiously devotes his time, talents, and energy
6 to uplifting the lives of others as director of human services at Atlanta's Antioch Baptist
7 Church North, as southeast regional director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, and as a
8 member of Concerned Black Clergy of Metro Atlanta and the steering committee of the
9 Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty for 21 years with
11 the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously defending democracy and his fellow
12 Americans; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley is the founder of two nonprofit organizations, the Joe Beasley
14 Foundation and African Ascension; and
- 15 WHEREAS, through African Ascension, Mr. Beasley links individuals of African descent
16 with Africans on the continent of Africa to create opportunities and promote change; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he serves as ambassador at-large for the Georgia Association of Black Elected
18 Officials; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Joe Beasley Foundation has been active for many years with philanthropic
20 work in the nation of Haiti, helping to monitor the 1995 election, coordinating the delivery
21 of more than \$1 million in medical supplies, and helping to sponsor an orphanage, a church,
22 a hospital, and other community developments in Port-au-Prince, and

23 WHEREAS, since the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, Mr. Beasley has
24 returned to that nation to lend support and encouragement in the wake of the Southern
25 Hemisphere's most devastating natural disaster; and

26 WHEREAS, the Joe Beasley Foundation has vowed to rebuild the orphanage in
27 Pot-au-Prince with construction methods that will serve as a model for affordable,
28 earthquake-proof building practices for the entire city; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
30 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend the outstanding humanitarian efforts of Mr. Joe Beasley
33 and recognize his selfless service to those in need.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Joe Beasley.