

House Resolution 363

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Hugley of the 133rd, Buckner of the 130th, Smith of the 131st, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jimmie Jakes, 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 Reverend Jimmie Jakes, Sr., on January 25, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes was born on May 5, 1943, in Phenix City, Alabama, a beloved
- 5 son of the late James Clark Jakes and Jessie Bell Bellamy Jakes; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes has long been recognized by the citizens of this nation for the
- 7 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
- 8 of the citizens of the United States as a Vietnam veteran; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of great faith and devotion, Reverend Jakes was an active member of
- 10 Gaines Chapel and then Nichols Chapel AME Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Reverend Jakes was united in love and marriage to Oshawzale L. "Cindy" Jakes
- 12 for 26 years, and the two were blessed with five loving and devoted children, Jimmie, Jr.,
- 13 Kimberly, Denise, Kameelah, and Jessica; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a great source of pride and joy, Reverend Jakes also had eight grandchildren:
- 15 Jamario, Kalan, Keila, Jeydan, Sheldon, Sasha, Malachi, and Messiah; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
- 17 than himself and serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom, and it is abundantly fitting
- 18 and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished
- 19 American be recognized appropriately.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 21 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Jimmie Jakes, Sr., and

22 expressing its appreciation of his devotion and dedication to his family, his many
23 contributions to his community and the State of Georgia, and his selfless sacrifice as a
24 guardian of this nation's liberty.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend
27 Jakes.