

## House Resolution 663

By: Representatives Morgan of the 39<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 95<sup>th</sup>, and Heckstall of the 62<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring the life of Mr. Donald "Don" G. Allen; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with  
3 the passing of Mr. Donald "Don" Allen on March 3, 2007; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen, born on September 22, 1956, in Jamaica, West Indies to Oswald and  
5 Albertine Allen, was the fifth of six children and the only son; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he migrated to the United States in the 1980's, working during the day and  
7 attending classes at night; and
- 8 WHEREAS, while attending college he became very involved in his home church and the  
9 church community and during the 1980's he was one of the founders of Victory Bible  
10 Fellowship Church in Miami, Florida, and was ordained as a minister in 1994; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he graduated from the College of Art, Science, and Technology with a major  
12 in business; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he also acquired an insurance license and became a successful broker,  
14 eventually opening two insurance offices; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was united in love and marriage in 1990 to his adoring wife,  
16 Clarietha, and gained a step-daughter; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Allen founded the Georgia Employee Federation to provide  
18 support and advocacy for employees injured on the job, the disabled, low-income workers,  
19 and those disenfranchised without a voice; and

20 WHEREAS, in the latter years of his life, he wrote many songs reflecting the injustice in our  
21 society, and left a legacy of social justice songs that has influenced the world; and

22 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
23 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his  
24 many years of superlative service as a defender of and advocate for human rights.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Mr.  
27 Donald "Don" G. Allen.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Donald  
30 "Don" G. Allen.