

House Resolution 680

By: Representative Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. George W. Thompson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one its finest and most distinguished citizens and civil  
3 rights activists, Mr. George W. Thompson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born on August 8, 1932, in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Thompson was well known  
5 throughout his community and this state for his civic service and activism; and
- 6 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "GW," Mr. Thompson graduated with honors from  
7 Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia, and served as a guardian of this nation's  
8 freedom and liberty for four years in the United States Navy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Thompson joined the City of Atlanta Police Department, where  
10 he served as a night foot patrolman for the Vine City and Perry Homes areas; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Thompson began his career with General Motors as a security  
12 officer for the Lakewood Branch, where he served for 25 years as a voice of his co-workers  
13 in their battle for equal rights, equal pay, and the end of discriminatory behavior; and
- 14 WHEREAS, dedicated to uplifting and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow, Mr. Thompson  
15 was a member of the 100 Black Men of the South Metro and was a mentor for the Big  
16 Brothers and Big Sisters organization, adopting his mentee in that program as his godson;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, a man devoted to his faith and his neighbors, Mr. Thompson was an active  
19 member of St. Anthony's de Padua, serving in the church's ministry as treasurer and helping  
20 with the church's partnership with Habitat for Humanity in building homes for those in need;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, a member of the Fayette County Branch of the NAACP, Mr. Thompson served  
23 as chairman of the Legal Redress, Labor, and Industry committees and made a difference in  
24 the lives of many; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson was united in love and marriage to his generous and kind wife,  
26 Evelyn Burks Thompson, and he had been a resident of Peachtree City, Georgia, for the past  
27 24 years; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and giving man, Mr. Thompson will long be remembered for  
29 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, neighbor, and friend will be missed  
30 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. George W. Thompson  
33 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the family of Mr. George  
36 W. Thompson.