

House Resolution 859

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 63rd, Long of the 61st, and Sinkfield of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Gene Ferguson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gene Ferguson 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, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
6 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
7 community have earned him the respect and admiration of neighborhood groups, elected
8 officials, and the public at large; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson is a legend of the Civil Rights Movement who made significant
10 contributions in marches, demonstrations, and rallies for change alongside Reverend Hosea
11 Williams, Reverend Joseph E. Boone, and Father Austin Ford; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he worked as a program specialist at the Emmaus House from 1968 to 1996
13 where he served the City of Atlanta's underprivileged youth by developing life changing and
14 uplifting programs; and
- 15 WHEREAS, as a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the
16 Metropolitan Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, Mr. Ferguson participated in over 200
17 protests nationwide calling for equal rights and justice; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's community service has been invaluable to the City of Atlanta,
19 the State of Georgia, and this nation, promoting racial equality, the needs of the poor and
20 downtrodden, and the need for access to quality healthcare and education; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend Mr. Gene Ferguson for his efficient, effective, unselfish,
25 and dedicated service to the African American community throughout the world; recognize
26 the incredible contributions he made during the Civil Rights Movement; and extend to him
27 their most sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success

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 Mr. Gene Ferguson.