

House Resolution 1181

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. John H. Lewis, 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 Mr. John H. Lewis, Sr., on September 20, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was born on January 21, 1922, and he served as a guardian of this  
5 nation's freedom and liberty with bravery and courage during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, a faithful servant to his community, Mr. Lewis fought his entire life to improve  
7 the lives of others, attending every Atlanta City Council meeting since he moved to the area  
8 in 1945; and

9 WHEREAS, he lobbied for important and ground-breaking legislation on behalf of the  
10 people of Atlanta, and his efforts helped improve the rights of Atlanta's sanitation workers  
11 and taxi drivers, established higher standards for the equipment issued to police officers, and  
12 brought horse-drawn carriage rides to downtown; and

13 WHEREAS, his advocacy and determination made a difference in countless lives, and  
14 throughout his life, Mr. Lewis earned the respect and admiration of many city and state  
15 officials and political leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis was as an original search team member for the Missing & Murdered  
17 Children of Atlanta group, an organization which later became the Metro Crisis Response  
18 Team; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage for 60 wonderful years to the late Thelma  
20 Culpepper, a union which blessed him with six children, John II, Collette, Nawanna,  
21 Sunshine, Veronica, and Aretha; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis leaves behind many who will cherish his memory and the wonderful  
23 times shared, including 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives  
24 and dear friends; and

25 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the example he made of his life, he  
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Lewis will long be remembered for his  
29 community service and advocacy, and this loyal father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend will  
30 be missed 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. John H. Lewis, Sr.,  
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. John H.  
36 Lewis, Sr.