

House Resolution 59

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles E. Johnson; 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. Charles E. Johnson on October 28, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born on March 17, 1940, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a
5 beloved son of Helen and Eugene Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, educated in the Philadelphia public school system, Mr. Johnson attended the
7 Philadelphia College of Bible and was ordained into the Baptist ministry; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was a successful and savvy businessman, working as an
9 entrepreneur, marketing consultant, and on several political campaigns; and
- 10 WHEREAS, fondly known as the "Mayor of Sweet Auburn District," Mr. Johnson was
11 instrumental in restoring and attracting new business to the Sweet Auburn community of
12 Atlanta; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson founded the Spirit of Sweet Auburn, served as president of the
14 Sweet Auburn Business and Improvement Association, and was executive producer of the
15 Sweet Auburn Springfest, a festival which captures an audience of over 350,000 annually;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, a devoted community advocate, Mr. Johnson was a member of the Concerned
18 Black Clergy, was active on the board of the Butler Street YMCA, was passionate about the
19 Hungry Club, and earned numerous awards from organizations such as Rainbow Push,
20 YMCA, SCLC, Old Fourth Ward, and Liberty Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his
22 children, Deborah, Michael, and Deneen; his stepson, Khalil; his ten grandchildren; and his
23 great-grandson; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Johnson will long be remembered for
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, brother, and friend will
32 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Charles E. Johnson
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Charles
38 E. Johnson.