

House Resolution 62

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Franklin Floyd O'Neal, 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. Franklin Floyd O'Neal, Sr., on October 11, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Neal was born on August 17, 1931, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Isaac Joyce and France Appling O'Neal and step-son of Virginia Cody; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of David T. Howard High School, Mr. O'Neal attended Clark
7 College before joining the armed forces to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
8 liberty with the United States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow
9 Americans during the Korean War; and
- 10 WHEREAS, during his service to his country, Mr. O'Neal studied at the Kessler School of
11 Electronics to become a certified Airborne Radar Equipment Repairman and was recognized
12 with a Korean Silver Medal and the U.N. Silver Medal; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Neal had a diverse professional career in business management and
14 economic development, serving as president and CEO of both Omega Systems
15 Group-Atlanta, Inc., and Mutual Federal Savings Bank in Atlanta; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his incredible service to the community included work with the Atlanta
17 Chamber of Commerce, Booker T. Washington Foundation, the Atlanta Business League,
18 and Economic Opportunity Atlanta; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. O'Neal was an active member of Central
20 United Methodist Church, where his leadership and spiritual guidance were instrumental to
21 the congregation of Central through his service as chair of the finance committee, the
22 administrative council, and the gardens board; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Neal was united in love and marriage to Dr. Anita Jackson O'Neal, and
24 was blessed with three remarkable children, Toni, William, and Franklin; and six wonderful
25 grandchildren, Jonathan, Jasmine, Tia, Tameria, Kirsten, and Elijah; and

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

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

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

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Franklin Floyd O'Neal,
37 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Franklin
40 Floyd O'Neal, Sr.