

House Resolution 106

By: Representatives Lucas of the 139th, Randall of the 138th, Epps of the 140th, and Jordan of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Albert Billingslea; 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. Albert Billingslea on January 30, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Macon, Mr. Billingslea grew up in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood
5 and was passionate about improving the lives of his neighbors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a leader and statesman, Mr. Billingslea was a political force in Bibb County,
7 Georgia, for decades; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a 16 year Bibb County Commissioner, Mr. Billingslea was one of the first black
9 men to serve on the board with his election in 1980; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he founded Billingslea Construction Company, which he ran for over 40 years
11 and never missed a payroll, as well as numerous other successful businesses; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Billingslea served as president of the Macon NAACP and was awarded the
13 Earl T. Shinholster Freedom Fund Award from the organization in 2010 for his community
14 outreach work; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Macon Water Authority, and he helped in the
16 successful campaign to obtain the reservoir that serves Macon and was honored for his
17 dedication and commitment to the authority with the naming of the building on Second Street
18 in his honor; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Billingslea was known for his decades of work helping people recover from
20 drug and alcohol addiction, and in 2010, the Billingslea Recovery Center was named in his
21 honor; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Billingslea was united in love and marriage to his wife, Margaret, and was
23 blessed with three remarkable daughters; 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. Billingslea will long be remembered
31 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, leader, 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. Albert Billingslea and
35 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. Albert
38 Billingslea.