

House Resolution 143

By: Representative Baker of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware has long been recognized for his compassion for the
3 elderly and his dedicated work as an advocate for others; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of East Chicago, Mr. Ware would chauffeur elderly women around as
5 a young man without accepting compensation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, as an 80 year old man, today Mr. Ware continues to help the elderly as an
7 advocate, lobbyist, and board leader; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he works on behalf of seniors through affiliations with organizations such as
9 the AARP, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Aging Division Advisory Board, and the
10 Clayton County Aging Program Advisory Board; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware's commitment has been recognized by the Georgia Council on Aging
12 as one of 11 people around Georgia making a difference in the lives of seniors, and he was
13 the metro Atlanta area winner of the 2010 Martha Eaves Advocating for Positive Change
14 Award for his service above and beyond the call of duty for seniors; and
- 15 WHEREAS, from 1964 to 1987, Mr. Ware worked as a Chicago-area union official with the
16 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, advocating for the fair treatment of blue collar
17 workers and negotiating with employers for better working conditions, fairer hours, and
18 higher wages; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware moved to Clayton County in 1988 and began working for six years
20 as a security guard for Georgia Power, where he raised money for local nonprofit
21 organizations by hosting fundraisers; and

22 WHEREAS, he became a member of the Clayton County Aging Board in 1994, has served
23 on the advisory boards of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Aging Task Force and
24 CO-AGE, and worked as state coordinator for AARP; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware began lobbying at the state capitol in the 1990's and over the last two
26 decades he has been instrumental in lobbying for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
27 Program in Clayton County and laws that require new home and apartment builders to make
28 interior doors in homes wide enough for wheelchair access; and

29 WHEREAS, this community leader was instrumental in securing a grant to restore the
30 historic Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Lovejoy; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
32 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware for his years of dedicated
35 advocacy on behalf of Georgia's seniors.

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 Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware.