

House Resolution 277

By: Representatives Parent of the 81st, Mosby of the 90th, Taylor of the 79th, Tinubu of the 60th, Holcomb of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Honorable Ray Jenkins; and for other purposes.

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3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 and public servants with the passing of Doraville's Mayor Ray Jenkins; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Doraville, Mayor Jenkins graduated from Chamblee High School
6 and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy,
7 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans with two tours of duty during
8 the Korean conflict; and

9 WHEREAS, after his service to this country in the military, Mayor Jenkins returned home
10 to Doraville where he embarked on a 32-year career with the United States Postal Service;
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12 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant was elected to the Doraville City Council in 1974,
13 was elected mayor in 2003, and was re-elected in 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, as a councilman, Mayor Jenkins was instrumental in setting the city's millage
15 rate at a point when most homeowners paid no city taxes on their residences, served as a key
16 supporter of the Doraville parks program, and founded the city's animal control service; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Jenkins represented Doraville on the DeKalb and Georgia Municipal
18 Associations since 1974 and was past president of the DeKalb Municipal Association, the
19 Georgia Municipal Association's fourth district, and Georgia Municipal Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Jenkins was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife Louella and
21 was blessed with three remarkable children, Beverly, Karen, and Douglas, and four
22 wonderful grandchildren, Willie, Brandy, Emily, and Phillip; and

23 WHEREAS, Mayor Jenkins's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
24 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
25 of the citizens of Doraville earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
26 associates; 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, Mayor Jenkins will long be remembered
31 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend
32 will 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 Mayor Ray Jenkins 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 Mayor Ray
38 Jenkins.