

## House Resolution 286

By: Representative Baker of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware and inviting him to be recognized by the House of  
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware has long been recognized for his compassion for the  
4 elderly and his dedicated work as an advocate for others; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of East Chicago, Mr. Ware would chauffeur elderly women around as  
6 a young man without accepting compensation; and

7 WHEREAS, as an 80 year old man, today Mr. Ware continues to help the elderly as an  
8 advocate, lobbyist, and board leader; and

9 WHEREAS, he works on behalf of seniors through affiliations with organizations such as  
10 the AARP, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Aging Division Advisory Board, and the  
11 Clayton County Aging Program Advisory Board; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware's commitment has been recognized by the Georgia Council on Aging  
13 as one of 11 people around Georgia making a difference in the lives of seniors, and he was  
14 the metro Atlanta area winner of the 2010 Martha Eaves Advocating for Positive Change  
15 Award for his service above and beyond the call of duty for seniors; and

16 WHEREAS, from 1964 to 1987, Mr. Ware worked as a Chicago-area union official with the  
17 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, advocating for the fair treatment of blue collar  
18 workers and negotiating with employers for better working conditions, fairer hours, and  
19 higher wages; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware moved to Clayton County in 1988 and began working for six years  
21 as a security guard for Georgia Power, where he raised money for local nonprofit  
22 organizations by hosting fundraisers; and

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

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

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

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware for his years of dedicated  
36 advocacy on behalf of Georgia's seniors and invite him to be recognized by the House of  
37 Representatives at a date and time to be designated by the Speaker of the House of  
38 Representatives.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware.