

## House Resolution 516

By: Representatives Rice of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Lindsey of the 54<sup>th</sup>, Sheldon of the 105<sup>th</sup>, Pak of the 102<sup>nd</sup>, Harrell of the 106<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Mike Sheffield; 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. Mike Sheffield on February 19, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield was born on November 3, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved  
5 son of Walter and Lucy Sheffield; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of North Fulton High School, Mr. Sheffield earned a bachelors  
7 degree from Wake Forest University and a law degree from Emory University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield began his distinguished legal career with the DeKalb County  
9 District Attorney's Office and worked for the DeKalb County Public Defenders Office for  
10 15 years before entering private practice as a criminal defense attorney; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the legal community, Mr. Sheffield was a proud  
12 member of the Federalist Society, past president of the Gwinnett County Bar Association and  
13 the DeKalb Bar Association, a member of the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors and  
14 the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and a fellow of the Lawyers  
15 Foundation of Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield was a two-time Georgia Court of Appeals candidate who was  
17 known for his unflappable, easy going personality and an amazing advocate who approached  
18 issues with a smile and positive attitude; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Sheffield was active with the Decatur Lions Club, the  
20 Norcross Rotary Club, and Perimeter Church in Johns Creek; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheffield was united in love and marriage to his wife, Susan, and was  
22 blessed with two remarkable children, Olivia and Matthew; and

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

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Sheffield will long be remembered for  
27 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed  
28 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Mike Sheffield and  
31 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Mike  
34 Sheffield.