

House Resolution 680

By: Representatives Williams of the 165th and Dutton of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ruben and Novella King; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ruben and Novella King were united in love and marriage on December 30,
3 1950, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ruben King, Sr., was born in Wheeler County, Georgia, to the late Tyson
5 and Iona King and was reared by his grandmother, Pinkie Boatright, and his aunts, Omie Lee
6 King Mackey Burney and Carrie King Kates; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Novella King was born in Metter, Georgia, the beloved youngest daughter
8 of the late Reverend Horace and Sallie Wright; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. King asked for his wife's hand in marriage when he was 18 and she was just
10 14 and their 60 year union and unyielding loyalty and devotion to one another has served as
11 an inspiration to their family, friends, and neighbors; and
- 12 WHEREAS, they have been blessed with twelve children, Don, Robbie, Randy, Verdie,
13 Ruben, Jr., Randall, Richard, Reba D., Reginald, Rex, Fronita, and Russell; and about 83
14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to their children, they have helped raise their oldest son's two
16 grandchildren, Rikki and Roderick, and other grandchildren, family members, and church
17 family who have needed their assistance and were welcomed with open doors; and
- 18 WHEREAS, after holding many jobs, the couple established the Ruben King Funeral Home
19 and held their first funeral service in 1967; and
- 20 WHEREAS, they lived in and raised their children in the funeral home for 30 years, and five
21 of their children went on to study mortuary and funeral services; and

22 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding they have demonstrated have
23 provided the foundation and framework of success in which all of their family members have
24 developed and flourished; and

25 WHEREAS, community leaders, Mr. and Mrs. King are the founders of the Martin Luther
26 King, Jr., Parade and Celebration in Glennville and were the inspiration for the Committee
27 for Social Change; and

28 WHEREAS, a couple with deep and abiding faith, the Kings are the two founders of the
29 Center of Life-Church of God where Mr. King serves as chairman of the deacon board and
30 trustee and Mrs. King serves as mother of the church and missionary president; and

31 WHEREAS, known for their generosity and kindness, Mr. and Mrs. King have made the
32 world a better place in which to live, with many incredible contributions to their family,
33 community, and state; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mr. and Mrs. King be congratulated on
35 their many years of happiness and their magnificent 60 year commitment to each other.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize the amazing lives of Ruben and Novella King and
38 commend their 60 year commitment to one another.

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. and Mrs. King.