

House Resolution 960

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Nick LaTour; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of this nation's most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Mr. Nick LaTour on February 28, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. LaTour was born E.D. Nixon, Jr., in Montgomery, Alabama, a beloved son
5 of Edgar Daniel Nixon, Sr., and Aleece Nixon; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. LaTour was the first African American to seek public office in
7 post-Reconstruction Montgomery in 1954; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a historical figure in the Civil Rights movement, Mr. LaTour was the Pullman
9 porter and NAACP head who bailed Rosa Parks out of jail after she refused to relinquish her
10 seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery bus, igniting the Montgomery bus boycott; and
- 11 WHEREAS, at the age of 16, Mr. LaTour moved to New York to start his life as a nightclub
12 singer, touring the United States and Canada; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
14 States Army and earned a bachelor's degree in voice and drama from Mexico City College;
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. LaTour made his Broadway debut in Neil Simon's *God's Favorite* and
17 toured Europe with the Langston Hughes musical *Jericho*; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he hosted his own television show called *Nick LaTour* in New York before
19 moving to Hollywood to appear on shows such as *The Jeffersons*, *Good Times*, *Beauty and*
20 *the Beast*, *Murder, She Wrote*, and *Touched by an Angel*; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. LaTour will long be remembered for
28 his love of family and friendship, and this amazing entertainer and friend will be missed by
29 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

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

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