

House Resolution 967

By: Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Edward Henry Wingfield; 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. Edward Henry Wingfield on January 14, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingfield was born on August 30, 1951, in Barrow County, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of the late William Henry Wingfield, Sr., and Ina Griffeth Wingfield; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Glenwood High School, Mr. Wingfield studied at Gupton Jones
7 Mortuary Science School in Atlanta; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingfield was one of the first black licensed morticians and funeral
9 directors in Barrow County, was the co-owner of Warbington & Wingfield Mortuary in
10 Lawrenceville, and was a life member of the 7th District Funeral Directors of Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
12 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
13 Vietnam War; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingfield earned the rank of sergeant during his time in the military and
15 received numerous medals and honors, including the Air Force Commendation Medal, two
16 Air Force Good Conduct Medals, the Armed Forces Medal, and the National Defense
17 Service Medal; and
- 18 WHEREAS, committed to helping other veterans, Mr. Wingfield established the Disabled
19 American Veteran Chapter of American Legion Post 509, where he also served as the adjunct
20 and commander, and served as commander for the Barrow County Chapter; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Wingfield was an active member of White
22 Oak Spring Missionary Baptist Church, where he was a member of the male chorus and
23 senior choir; and

24 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
26 family and friends were admired by others; 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, Mr. Wingfield will long be remembered
31 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother and friend will be missed by all
32 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 Mr. Edward Henry
35 Wingfield and 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 Mr. Edward
38 Henry Wingfield.