

House Resolution 1000

By: Representative Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. John L. Cashin, Jr.; 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 Dr. John L. Cashin, Jr., on March 21, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cashin was a civil rights campaigner who was the first black candidate to
5 run for governor of Alabama since Reconstruction; and

6 WHEREAS, a dentist, Dr. Cashin was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on April 16, 1928, and
7 came from a family that had long fought for social justice; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Cashin earned a bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University and his
9 dentist's degree from Meharry Medical College and served in the Army Dental Corps in
10 France; and

11 WHEREAS, he was the founder of the National Democratic Party of Alabama in 1968, a
12 party conceived in opposition to the fervently anti-integrationist Democratic Party in the state
13 at the time and he served as the organization's chairman until its disbandment 1976; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Cashin was united in love and marriage to his wife, the late Joan Carpenter,
15 in 1957, and was blessed with three remarkable children, Sheryll, John M., and Carroll; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to his children, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory,
17 including his second wife, Louise White Cashin and five grandchildren; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Cashin will long be remembered for
25 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
26 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. John L. Cashin, Jr.,
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. John L.
32 Cashin, Jr.