

House Resolution 1605

By: Representative Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lawrence J. Hanks, Sr.; 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 Dr. Lawrence J. Hanks, Sr., on November 10, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Hanks was born on April 17, 1954, a beloved son of James and Kathleen  
5 Hanks; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Morehouse College in 1976 and earned  
7 his Master of Arts in government in 1978 and Doctor of Philosophy in government in 1984  
8 from Harvard University's Department of Government; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as the Dean for the Office of African American Affairs and Associate  
10 Professor in the Department of Political Science from 1993 to 1998 and was a Professor of  
11 Political Science at Indiana University; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a passionate researcher, Dr. Hanks' diverse research interests included black  
13 political empowerment, African American political thought and action, race and politics, and  
14 the politics of difference; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the American Political Science  
16 Association, Southern Political Science Association, and the National Council of Black  
17 Political Scientists; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Hanks was an active member of Second  
19 Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Hanks was united in love and marriage to Mrs. Diane G. Hanks and was  
21 blessed with four remarkable children, Shonda Hanks, Lawrence J. Hanks II, Latoysa J.  
22 Brown, and Mahogany A. Hanks; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Hanks will long be remembered for his  
30 love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, husband, father, and friend will be missed  
31 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Lawrence J. Hanks,  
34 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Lawrence  
37 J. Hanks, Sr.