

House Resolution 1627

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of honorable Riverdale City Councilman Wayne Franklin  
2 Hall; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of honorable Riverdale City Councilman Wayne Franklin Hall on October  
5 23, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Councilman Hall was born on October 11, 1949, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved  
7 son of the late Burnis and Ruth Hall; and

8 WHEREAS, Wayne was an excellent student, who received state recognition during his  
9 youth as he often outscored his peers on standardized tests, and with such a strong academic  
10 record, he went on to become the first in his family to receive a college degree, earning a  
11 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Albany State University on a band scholarship, and he  
12 later received his Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in public  
13 management from Troy University in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, he developed leadership skills throughout college, and his employment began  
15 as a retail manager for four years at Radio Shack; he later gained employment as a  
16 correctional officer, working in halfway houses and assisting those who were making their  
17 transition back into mainstream society; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a substitute teacher for 14 years, during which time he began serving  
19 with the City of Atlanta's Fire Department; and

20 WHEREAS, Councilman Hall served as the Executive Vice President of Atlanta Professional  
21 Firefighters/Brothers Combined during seven of the 30 years that he worked for the Atlanta  
22 Fire Department; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2007 he was elected to serve as the councilmember representing Ward 2 of  
24 Riverdale, Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, he was united in marriage to Betty Hall, and was blessed with four remarkable  
26 daughters, Kai Hall, Shavaun Jones, Mina Hall, and Ruthe Hall; and

27 WHEREAS, an active member in his community, he volunteered with Hosea Feed the  
28 Hungry, was a coordinator of Atlanta Fire Department service activities for the Martin Luther  
29 King, Jr., Center, and took part in other service activities and community outreach programs;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, he received numerous awards, including the Certificate of Achievement in 2010  
32 and a Certificate of Excellence in 2011, both from the Georgia Municipal Association; and

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Councilman Hall will long be remembered  
34 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, father, and friend will be missed by  
35 all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of honorable Riverdale  
38 Councilman Wayne Franklin Hall and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his  
39 passing.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Wayne  
42 Franklin Hall.