

House Resolution 304

By: Representative Glanton of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ted Key; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a cornerstone in Clayton County and beloved by all citizens, Ted Key served
3 as a prominent teacher, historian, and storyteller; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Key was born on the island of Key West, Florida, to loving Bahamian
5 parents; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from LaGrange College and received his Master's in Education
7 from West Georgia University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Key was united in love and marriage for 48 years to Judy Hood Key, and
9 they were blessed with two wonderful sons, Mike and Matt, and three adoring grandchildren;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, an acclaimed teacher, Mr. Key taught both full time and part time for 51 years,
12 retiring from the Clayton County School System after 33 years and teaching another ten
13 years for Woodward Academy at the Riverdale Busey Campus; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was named both the 1976 and 1992 Clayton County Teacher of the Year as
15 well as the 1993 Georgia Middle School Social Studies Teacher of the Year; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Key received the Atlanta Journal Constitution Honor Teacher
17 Award for his programs in African American studies, Native American studies, and Georgia
18 history; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 1993, he was inducted into the Georgia Hall of Fame, and in 1994, Mr. Key
20 was recognized by the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church as an
21 Outstanding Christian Educator; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Key was a staunch supporter of community programs, including the YMCA
23 of Georgia and Y-Clubs; he also worked as a summer instructor at Rock Eagle for 33 years
24 and served as Director of the Clayton County Summer Head Start Program for ten years; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Key's passion for history led him to serve as a local consultant for the
26 restoration of the 1895 Clayton County Courthouse, and as curator, member of the executive
27 board, storyteller, and docent of the Clayton County History Museum; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1983, he introduced Native American Heritage Day, an event that features
29 traditional Native American arts, crafts, and dance; Mr. Key also founded Clayton County
30 African American Heritage Day, where he captivated adults and children alike with his
31 wealth of historical knowledge; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Ted Key will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and
33 this loving husband, father, and historian will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
34 knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Ted Key and express
37 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ted Key.