

## House Resolution 791

By: Representatives Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, and Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Mr. John H. Evans on his 80th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. John H. Evans has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans was born on January 29, 1933, in Nashville, Tennessee, where he  
6 received his elementary education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Morristown High School in Morristown, Tennessee, received  
8 his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from both Mississippi Valley State  
9 University and Tennessee State University, and received his Master of Business  
10 Administration from Atlanta University; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame at Mississippi Valley  
12 State University and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans worked tirelessly as an accountant with Standard Oil Company and  
14 as an internal auditor for Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago, Illinois, before  
15 moving to Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
17 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced  
18 dramatically by his superlative 13 years of service as business manager for the  
19 Interdenominational Theological Center, one of the five schools in the Atlanta University  
20 Center, and his dedicated support of UNCF's annual donation campaign; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans is a former member of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners  
22 and the MARTA Board of Directors and a former player in the Negro Baseball League; and

23 WHEREAS, he is currently the President and CEO of Operation LEAD and President of the  
24 DeKalb County Branch NAACP; and

25 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Evans was a lay speaker at the United  
26 Methodist Church during his time in Chicago, Illinois, and is now a member of Ousley  
27 United Methodist Church; and

28 WHEREAS, he is the loving father of three remarkable children, Harvey, Darla, and Malia,  
29 and the adoring grandfather of five grandchildren; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
31 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

32 WHEREAS, in recognition of these admirable qualities, Mr. Evans has been lauded for his  
33 community involvement, receiving, among many others, the DeKalb County Community  
34 Development Service Award, the Civil Rights Living Legend Award from the Georgia  
35 Legislative Black Caucus, and the Masked Award from the United Negro College Fund; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
37 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized as he celebrates his 80th  
38 birthday.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
40 the members of this body congratulate Mr. John H. Evans on the grand occasion of his 80th  
41 birthday and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John H. Evans.