

House Resolution 1049

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of James Frederick Lester; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, James Frederick Lester was the oldest of twins born at Grady Memorial
3 Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 16, 1942, to the late Mr. David Lester and Mrs. Alice
4 Bell Felton Lester; his twin brother, William Archer Lester, predeceased him; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended C. W. Hill Elementary School and Howard High School, and
6 because his parents insisted he be raised in a Christian environment, most of his youth was
7 spent in Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church where he was baptized; and

8 WHEREAS, his father taught him how to build houses, and that was the beginning of his
9 love affair with stonework; he enrolled at Clark College, where he joined Phi Beta Sigma
10 Fraternity and played on the football team; and

11 WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army during the 1960's, and his tour of duty
12 included playing baseball and serving as a military police officer, and the Atlanta Braves
13 drafted him while he was in the service; he also played semiprofessional baseball for the
14 Atlanta Cardinals; baseball provided him an opportunity to travel around the United States;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, a combination of his ease in working with numbers, drawing and design, and
17 working with his hands led him to accept a lead position with Fox and Jacob Home Builders
18 in Texas, and in later years, he used these talents to form a company with his brother and a
19 friend; and

20 WHEREAS, James was a superb athlete who excelled in sports in both high school and
21 college; he was All-State at Howard High School and All-Conference at Clark College, and
22 he was inducted into the Clark College Hall of Fame as a running back, but his true athletic
23 passions were baseball and golf; and

24 WHEREAS, one of James's strongest suits was his warm, genuine love and concern for his
25 family, friends, and people in general, and those who knew him best might say he was
26 generous to a fault, for he would go out of his way to be there for them in every sense of the
27 word; and

28 WHEREAS, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Bell Lester; two sons, Jeffrey Kirk
29 Lester and Marcus Lester; sister-in-law, Charlotte Bostic Lester; niece, Shana Lester Davis;
30 nephew, William "Chucky" Lester; great-nephew, David Lester; lifelong friend, Carol Ann
31 Dove; two godchildren, Sabrieena Brown and Francisco "Poncho" Contreras; stepchildren;
32 and a host of cousins and friends.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body honor the life and memory of James Frederick Lester.

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 James
37 Frederick Lester.