

House Resolution 1127

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Smith of the 125th, Thomas of the 56th, and Anderson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Frederick DuRey "V-Man" Watson; 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 Frederick DuRey "V-Man" Watson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, activist, author, speaker and entrepreneur, Frederick Watson made an impactful
5 journey through his life and onto the next. His life was focused around causes and caring,
6 as he sought to find his own purpose and legacy; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a gun-violence survivor, Frederick Watson created a cause around his own
8 personal tragedy that gave hope to many victims and survivors of violence around the globe;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Frederick Watson was united in love and marriage to Marquita Smith, and was
11 blessed with two remarkable daughters, Ericka Shanklin and Azure Salveson; and
- 12 WHEREAS, recognized in 39 states and 50 countries, his copyrighted mantra of "Victory
13 Over Violence" reminds us that violence is something that impacts us personally, but also
14 carries significant ramifications as a society; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Frederick Watson gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and
16 deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
17 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Frederick Watson will long be remembered
22 for his love of family and friendship, and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
23 knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Frederick DuRey "V-Man"
26 Watson and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Frederick
29 DuRey "V-Man" Watson.