

## House Resolution 1206

By: Representatives Mayo of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Stephenson of the 90<sup>th</sup>, and Bennett of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Johnny Cole for his civic engagement and community activism; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole is a native of Camilla, Georgia, and he graduated from Camilla  
4 Consolidated High School in 1960; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole continued his educational pursuits at Essex College of Business,  
6 receiving a diploma in business administration; he also furthered his studies at Rutgers  
7 University Business School in Newark, New Jersey, as well at Upsala College in East  
8 Orange, New Jersey; Bloomfield College in Bloomfield, New Jersey; the Manhattan School  
9 of Printing in Newark; and the University of Maryland; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole is man of many firsts; he was the first African American to work for  
11 Radio City Letter Service; he was also the first African American to work in the Graphic Arts  
12 Department of John Harland Company Corporate Headquarters in Decatur, Georgia; and he  
13 also worked at MARTA Administrative Services Office in Atlanta, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole demonstrates his devotion to a better community by being involved  
15 in many civic and religious organizations; he was a member of Unity Freedom Baptist  
16 Church, Newark, New Jersey, where he served as a trustee; he was a member of the Sharpe  
17 James Civic Association and belonged to the NAACP, the Urban League, and the St. Peter  
18 Open Space Advisory Board in Newark, New Jersey; and, during the sixties and seventies,  
19 he was actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement in Newark; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole resides in DeKalb County in the Creekwood Hills Subdivision, where  
21 he has lived since 1982; he was a member of the South DeKalb Neighborhood Coalition,  
22 where he served on the Board of Directors for two years; in 2004, he was presented the 2004  
23 Platinum Award of Friendship "for outstanding support given to the success of the South  
24 DeKalb Neighborhoods Coalition, Inc."; he was also a member of the Board of Directors of

25 DeKalb County NAACP for four years and is a lifetime member of the NAACP; he received  
26 the David C. Albert Award "for your outstanding leadership and contributions to the  
27 struggle" in 2007; he served on the Community Advisory Board of the DeKalb County  
28 District Attorney for two years; and he served on the Clifton Corridor Transit Initiative  
29 Advisory Board and was the only African American from Fulton and DeKalb Counties to  
30 serve on this board; and

31 WHEREAS, in his neighborhood, he helped to found Creekwood Hills Community  
32 Organization in 1992, where he served eight years as vice president and ten years as  
33 president of the organization; presently, he is an advisor and block captain to Creekwood  
34 Hills Community Organization; for 2014, he was elected vice president of Creekwood Hills;  
35 he is a member of the DeKalb County Community Advisory Council; he served on the  
36 advisory board of the After School and Summer Camp of Flat Shoals United Methodist  
37 Church; and he is also a member of the Code and Compliance Advisory Board of DeKalb  
38 County and the DeKalb County Grand Jury Association; and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole is a venerable patriot as well; he served in the United States Army  
40 from 1967 to 1969 in Seoul, Korea, and Okinawa, Japan, and received an Honorable  
41 Discharge during the Vietnam era and now is a disabled veteran; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole is the owner of Michael H. Cole & Associates, a business consulting  
43 and real estate investing service and is a family man, having been married for over 41 years  
44 to his wife, Connie, and is the loving father of his son, Michael.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
46 the members of this body recognize Johnny Cole for his indelible service to the community,  
47 civic activism, and patriotism.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
49 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Johnny Cole.