

## House Resolution 1597

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup> and Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of George Robert Prince Edward Ferrell, Jr., "JuJu"; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of George Robert Prince Edward Ferrell, Jr., "JuJu"; and

5 WHEREAS, JuJu Ferrell was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of George R. Ferrell,  
6 Sr., and Vera Campbell-Ferrell; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended Booker T. Washington High School where he was a gifted track and  
8 football athlete; and

9 WHEREAS, when JuJu was a young child, his mother taught him the art of roller skating,  
10 a hobby he carried throughout his adult life until the age of 63; and

11 WHEREAS, he first began making sterling silver jewelry in 1966 and later began adding  
12 semi-precious stones to his pieces; he sold the pieces on the campuses of HCBU's Morris  
13 Brown College and Clark Atlanta University; and

14 WHEREAS, JuJu was also a part of a group of young drummers, Ogbe Oni Lu, who were  
15 very passionate about teaching, learning, and playing the African drums, congas, Batás,  
16 djembes, and cow bells in the early 1970s; and

17 WHEREAS, along with his creative talent for making jewelry, JuJu also mastered the craft  
18 of wood carving from his father, and this hobby took them to Washington, D.C., in 1976 to  
19 represent the United States in the Bi-Centennial Folk Festival hosted by the Smithsonian  
20 Museum of Art; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love to Victoria "Amoyema" Skaggs and was blessed with  
22 three remarkable children, Abayomi, Olatundé, and Akanke, and two wonderful  
23 grandchildren, Totiyanna and Toddrick Hollis, Jr.; and

24 WHEREAS, JuJu gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
25 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
26 family and friends were admired by others; and

27 WHEREAS, he leaves his legacy of great tenacity and good spirit to all of those who were  
28 fortunate to encounter his presence in his lifetime; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, JuJu will long be remembered for his love  
30 of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all who had  
31 the great fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of George Robert Prince  
34 Edward Ferrell, Jr., "JuJu," and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 George Robert  
37 Prince Edward Ferrell, Jr., "JuJu."