

House Resolution 1635

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th, Jones of the 53rd, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Thomas of the 56th, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Edward Meniffee and offering condolences on his passing; 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 Edward Meniffee of Stockbridge on February 7, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Auburn, Alabama, Ed Meniffee graduated from what is now
6 Tuskegee University in 1967 with a business management degree and later earned a master's
7 degree from the University of Utah; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam
10 Conflict; and

11 WHEREAS, a natural planner and organizer, he founded the Southwest Atlanta Youth
12 Business Organization, widely known as SWAYBO, that taught youth between 12 and 18
13 years old about business, finance, and free enterprise; participants not only learned how to
14 start their own businesses, but they often learned a different way of life; and

15 WHEREAS, Ed Meniffee's generosity can be seen in the assistance he provided through
16 various organizations that he worked with and established; he was heavily involved with a
17 program through the prison system in Georgia called Bar Association Support to Improve
18 Correctional Services, also known as B.A.S.I.C.S.; and he formed a group called First
19 Thursday Society, which offered small grants to people in need of financial assistance; and

20 WHEREAS, even as cancer attacked Ed Meniffee's body, he kept his optimistic outlook, and
21 no matter the circumstances that came his way, his philosophy that each day was better than
22 the previous one, never wavered; and

23 WHEREAS, Ed Menifee leaves behind a legacy that will surely allow his work to continue
24 even though he is gone, because he empowered countless people who are dedicated to his
25 mission of helping others; and

26 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life well-lived of Edward Menifee be
27 celebrated and seen as an inspiration for those who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body celebrate the life and accomplishments of Edward Menifee and
30 offer their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Edward
33 Menifee.