

## House Resolution 1635

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Edward Menifee 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 Menifee of Stockbridge on February 7, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Auburn, Alabama, Ed Menifee 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 Menifee'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 Menifee'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.