

House Resolution 1822

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Eason, Sr., and expressing regret at his
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Eason, Sr., is received with
4 deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 95 years rendered his name dear
6 to the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Eason was born in Clyo, Georgia, April 15, 1918, and was married to
8 Pauline Edith Morrell Eason for 67 years until her death in 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a sharecropper, carpenter, and a machinist, and he was the proud father
10 of nine children, 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great
11 grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a community activist, was involved in both religious and civic arenas,
13 and received many accolades; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Effingham County hospital board for 11 years
15 (1987-1998), was a lifetime member and treasurer of the NAACP Effingham County
16 Chapter, was an executive of the first district of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Churches
17 Association, was grand marshal in one of the Martin Luther King, Jr., parades in Effingham
18 County, served as a Deacon of the Oak Grove Baptist Church for 75 years (including serving
19 as chairman and chairman emeritus until his death), and was instrumental in having
20 Effingham County divided into election districts; and

21 WHEREAS, while in life Mr. Eason commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians, in his
22 death we mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family, friends, and fellow citizens.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body honor the memory of Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Eason, Sr., and
25 express their regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Benjamin
28 Franklin "B.F." Eason, Sr.