

House Resolution 1954

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Dickerson of the 113<sup>th</sup>, Rutledge of the 109<sup>th</sup>, and Welch of the 110<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Charles Wilborn; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Charles Wilborn; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Charles was well-known in the community of Newton County for his  
5 volunteerism, positive disposition, and warm heart; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a city councilman for 14 years from 1991 to 2005, and was  
7 considered the first African American mayor in the city's history by the African-American  
8 Historical Association of Newton County; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Charles also worked as a substitute teacher for over ten years in the Newton  
10 County School System, and famously donned a "Cat in the Hat" striped top hat to read to  
11 schoolchildren on Dr. Seuss' birthday each year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was blessed with two remarkable children, Bonnie and Barry; five wonderful  
13 grandchildren, Eboni, Nikeshia, Ronquavius, Laniah, and Journee; and two  
14 great-grandchildren; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Charles Wilborn will long be remembered  
22 for his love of family and friendship, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
23 of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Charles Wilborn and  
26 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Charles  
29 Wilborn.