

House Resolution 1993

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Glanton of the 75th, Brooks of the 55th, and Anderson of the 92nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of George "Duke" Beasley; 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 George "Duke" Beasley on April 6, 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Duke was born on January 19, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, a beloved son of
5 Alonzo and Emma Beasley; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during World War
8 II; he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal for Valor; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Duke graduated from Wilberforce University with a bachelor's degree in
10 sociology and psychology and a minor in business administration; he was also an officer of
11 the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he continued his commitment to higher education by obtaining his master's
13 degree in political and social sciences from Indiana University, and in 1973, Duke received
14 an honorary doctorate degree from Wilberforce University in humanities; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Duke relocated from Ohio to Atlanta, Georgia, to head the Southeast region of
16 the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); and from 1966-1985, he served
17 as the deputy district director of the commission; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his major duties consisted of negotiating standards and contracts, ascertaining
19 training needs, formulating programs for improvement, and administering funding programs,
20 where he led and managed a staff of over 250 federal employees; and

21 WHEREAS, from 1978-1979, Duke became the first administrator to head the Georgia
22 Office of Fair Employment Practices; at the request of Governor George Busbee, he
23 spearheaded the development, implementation, and management of this state's tightly
24 focused systematic approach to the intake, investigations, and resolution of charges of
25 discrimination; and

26 WHEREAS, he continued to pursue economic rights for minorities and women in housing,
27 education, and employment by working with such leaders as President Jimmy Carter,
28 Georgia Governor George Busbee, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew
29 Young, Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, Congressman John Lewis, and other local civic
30 leaders; and

31 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Duke was an active member of New Life
32 Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and in several ministries, such as the music,
33 worship, and administration ministries; and

34 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Tamara R. Beasley and was blessed with
35 eight remarkable children, Brad, Gary, Craig, Brian, George, Jr., Andréa, Kristy, and
36 Sareena, ten wonderful grandchildren, and three cherished great-grandchildren; and

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

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of George "Duke" Beasley
42 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of George
45 "Duke" Beasley.