

House Resolution 20

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Brooks of the 55th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives and memory of Tony J. Zivalich and H. Joanne Zivalich; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of two of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Tony J. Zivalich on June 19, 1992, and H. Joanne Zivalich on July 16,
5 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Tony and Joanne Zivalich resided in Georgia from 1958 through 1973 and then
7 again from 1983 to 1987, and were both active in the civil rights and labor movements, while
8 raising their family of nine children, five of whom were born in Atlanta; and

9 WHEREAS, Tony J. Zivalich, as a young man in Chicago, was the President of the North
10 American Young Christian Workers and while attending a Young Christian Workers seminar
11 in New York, he met H. Joanne Watters and they subsequently married; and

12 WHEREAS, Tony J. Zivalich became an organizer for the International Brotherhood of
13 Teamsters and relocated his young family to Atlanta in 1958, completed his bachelor's degree
14 at Georgia State University and earned his law degree from Emory University in 1968; and

15 WHEREAS, he became the Executive Director for the Alliance for Labor Action in Georgia
16 from 1970 through 1972, and ultimately returned to the International Brotherhood of
17 Teamsters through his retirement in 1982; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1983, at the behest of the Honorable Mayor Andrew Young, Tony J. Zivalich
19 returned to Atlanta to become the Director of Labor Relations for the City of Atlanta; and

20 WHEREAS, Tony and Joanne Zivalich were devout Roman Catholics, outspoken proponents
21 of community and political involvement, and insisted on well-rounded scholastic and

22 religious education for all of their children; they lived their lives as partners and equals and
23 thrived during challenging times by doing so; and

24 WHEREAS, compassionate and generous people, Tony J. and H. Joanne Zivalich will long
25 be remembered for their love of family and each other, and these benevolent parents,
26 considerate friends, and charismatic Georgians will be missed by all who had the great
27 fortune of knowing them.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the lives and memory of Tony J. and H. Joanne
30 Zivalich and express their deepest and most sincere regret at their passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Tony
33 J. and H. Joanne Zivalich's eight surviving children: Dr. Donna Zivalich, Mrs. Suzanne
34 Weiss, Mrs. Maura Pelleteri, Dr. Jane Zivalich Raitano, Mr. Anthony Zivalich, Mrs. Rita
35 Sampson, Mr. Paul Zivalich, and Mr. Joshua Zivalich.