

## House Resolution 55

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55<sup>th</sup> and Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Elmo James, Jr.; 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 Elmo James, Jr., on April 14, 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Elmo James, Jr., was born on June 14, 1943, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son  
5 of Elmo James, Sr., and Ozzie Mae James; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from Archer High School with high honors and received a full  
7 academic scholarship to Morehouse College; 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 War; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he worked as a Federal Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation  
12 Administration for 14 years before he became an entrepreneur in downtown Atlanta with his  
13 brother, Ronald, until his retirement; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Elmo James, Jr., was an active member of The  
15 Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, where he served as an usher; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Donzella Johnson, and was blessed with  
17 a remarkable son, Brian James, and three wonderful grandchildren, Keri James, Ryan James,  
18 and Bryce James; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
24 made this world a better place in which to live; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Elmo James, Jr., will long be remembered  
26 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed  
27 by all 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 join in honoring the life and memory of Elmo James, Jr., and  
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his 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 the  
33 family of Elmo James, Jr.