

House Resolution 95

By: Representatives Anderson of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Brooks of the 55th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, and Holmes of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Allison (Al) Edward Venable; 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 Allison (Al) Edward Venable; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Al was born on March 24, 1939, in Lithonia, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he attended the first African American school in DeKalb County, Bruce Street
6 School; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
8 States Marine Corps, where he was an honorable soldier; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Al was the chairman of the deacon board at
10 his church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Al served as a city councilmember in Lithonia, Georgia, before he was elected
12 mayor of that city, making him the first African American mayor elected in DeKalb County;
13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to promote civil rights throughout the Civil Rights
15 Movement; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
18 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Allison (Al) Edward Venable will long be
23 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal friend will be missed by all
24 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Allison (Al) Edward
27 Venable and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Allison (Al) Edward Venable.