

House Resolution 199

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Fludd of the 64th, Alexander of the 66th, Thomas of the 56th, Brooks of the 55th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lonnie C. King, Jr., for the extraordinary part he played in the Civil Rights
2 Movement and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Lonnie C. King, Jr., was born in Arlington, Georgia, and raised by his
5 grandfather, who instilled in him the importance of the Golden Rule; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1945, he became involved with Ebenezer Baptist Church and organized
7 youth group programs until he left for the United States Navy at age 18; and

8 WHEREAS, while in the Navy, Lonnie managed to overcome the constant racism he faced
9 and worked his way up to a supervisor position through intelligence, tenacity, and
10 perseverance; and

11 WHEREAS, as a Morehouse student, he became motivated by the 1960 North Carolina
12 sit-ins and began to organize a student movement in Atlanta, recruiting his friends Joseph
13 Pierce and Julian Bond to join him; and

14 WHEREAS, local college presidents were initially opposed to the creation of a student
15 movement, and it was only through the establishment of the "Appeal for Civil Rights" that
16 Lonnie was able to garner their support; and

17 WHEREAS, he was unanimously elected chairman of the Atlanta Student Movement and
18 organized sit-ins and boycotts of wealthy department stores like Rich's Department Store;
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20 WHEREAS, the parks and recreational facilities, hotels, and Grady Hospital were all
21 integrated because of the Atlanta Student Movement; and

22 WHEREAS, the idea of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee originated with
23 Lonnie; and

24 WHEREAS, Lonnie was a leader among the 70,000 black and white students who dared to
25 challenge the system and brought down the seemingly impenetrable walls of segregation,
26 making this a better world for generations to come; and

27 WHEREAS, Lonnie C. King, Jr., is an example of a man who saw a wrong and did as much
28 as he could for as long as he could to bring about a change despite the obstacles and
29 discrimination he faced.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend Lonnie C. King, Jr., for the extraordinary part he played
32 in the Civil Rights Movement and invite him to be recognized by the House of
33 Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Lonnie C. King, Jr.