

House Resolution 393

By: Representative Williamson of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Donald Edison Garrett; 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 Donald Edison Garrett on February 11, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Donald was a native of Loganville, Georgia, and he spent his life serving the
5 people of his hometown; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as Vice President of C&S Bank, director of the Walton County
7 Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Walton County Democratic Executive
8 Committee and was the first Republican elected to public office in Walton County as a
9 member of its School Board in 1988; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Board of Education until 1994, Chairman of the
11 Stay-in-School Program for Walton County, member of the Walton County Drug Abuse
12 Program, and member of the Advisory Board of the Loganville Boy Scout Troops; and
- 13 WHEREAS, during school desegregation in the 1960s, he served as President of the
14 Loganville Primary School Parent Teacher Organization and the Loganville High School
15 Parent Teacher Association, and he later served as President of the Loganville High School
16 Tip-off Club and Touchdown Club; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Donald Edison Garrett became a Master Mason in 1951 and Worshipful Master
18 of Fergus Lodge in 1957, and he was a charter member of American Legion Post 233 where
19 he served as chaplain, financial officer, and post commander; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Loganville City Council for eight years and was
21 instrumental in installing Loganville's first sewer system and expanding its water system; and

22 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman served as President of the Little League
23 Association and President of the West Walton Voters League, in which capacity he helped
24 redistrict Walton County; and

25 WHEREAS, Donald Edison Garrett was united in love and marriage to Gloria and was
26 blessed with three remarkable children, Vivian, Dawn, and Donald, six wonderful
27 grandchildren, Jessica, April, Garrett, Bill, Tripp, and Kendall, and seven exceptional
28 great-grandchildren, John, Brooks, Chandler, JoJo, Will, Sarah, and Ben; and

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

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Donald Edison Garrett will long be
33 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, public
34 servant, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Donald Edison Garrett and
37 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 family of Donald Edison Garrett.