

House Resolution 638

By: Representative Brooks of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ralph George Ivey, Sr.; 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 Ralph George Ivey, Sr., on March 4, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ralph was born on January 14, 1942, in Walton County, Georgia, a beloved son
5 of Sanford and Inez Morris Ivey; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended Social Circle School System and became an active participant in
7 the civil rights movement in his early years, and in 2014, he received the Civil Rights of
8 1964 Humanitarian Award; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was elected the first black City Councilman to serve in Social Circle,
10 Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a co-founder of the Walton County Chapter of SCLC, an activist and
12 supporter of the Moore's Ford Bridge Movement, and fed the hungry and homeless with
13 passion and dedication weekly; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was employed at Ronthor Plastic Division and later was employed at
15 CertainTeed Corporation until his retirement; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Ralph was an active member of Mount Enon
17 Baptist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Myrtle, and was blessed with four
19 remarkable children, Rhonda, Debra, Ralph, Jr., and Allen; and five wonderful
20 grandchildren, Jasmine, Jamille, Dante, Brodrickus, and Colongi; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Ralph will long be remembered for his love
28 of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ralph George Ivey, Sr.,
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Ralph George Ivey, Sr.