

House Resolution 639

By: Representatives Brooks of the 55th and Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Earnest Jack Ingram; 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 Earnest Jack Ingram on February 23, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Earnest Jack Ingram was born on November 16, 1918, in Sparta, Georgia, a
5 beloved son of Boysie and Mattie Mae Ingram; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
8 World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he worked as manager and director of the Ingram Brother's Funeral Home, Inc.;
10 founded, owned, and operated Ingram's Laundromat; and served Hancock County as a deputy
11 sheriff; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Earnest Jack Ingram was an active member of
13 Hickory Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he was chairman of the Deacon's Board;
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big Daddy" or "Uncle Jack," Earnest Jack Ingram was
16 a member of COMPASS Lodge 160, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, the
17 Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the NAACP, and others; and he was an
18 instrumental supporter of the Civil Rights Movement; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Earnest Jack Ingram was united in love and marriage to the late Claudia Mae
20 Devereaux-Ingram, and he was blessed with two remarkable children, Yvonne and Samuel
21 Clayton; and

22 WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Julia Foster-Ingram, his grandchildren,
23 great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, stepchildren, and many other relatives; and

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

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

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Earnest Jack Ingram will long be
31 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend
32 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Earnest Jack Ingram and
35 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Earnest Jack Ingram.