

House Resolution 732

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Waites of the 60th, Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Willie Lawrence Dawson; 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 Willie Lawrence Dawson on March 14, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on May 28, 1948, in Norwood, Georgia, a beloved son of Mark A.
5 Dawson and Willie Mae Dawson, and the first born of ten children; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was educated in the Warrenton County School System and received
7 technical training through his employer Ogden Forklift, Inc., where he became a skilled
8 technician; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1966, Willie married his friend for life, Rosa Ivey of Warrenton, Georgia,
10 and from this union they had one son, Ricky Dawson; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband, great father, excellent provider, loyal friend, and an
12 active grandfather, and he was also very mechanically inclined, using his gift of
13 craftsmanship to troubleshoot and repair machinery equipment for Ogden Forklift, where he
14 worked for 47 years as a skilled technician; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he loved hunting, fishing, cooking, horseback riding, and motorcycle riding;
16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Willie Lawrence Dawson
25 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Willie Lawrence Dawson.