

House Resolution 847

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Smyre of the 135th, Thomas of the 56th, Bruce of the 61st, and Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Lovett Stovall; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Lovett Stovall is a national social change trailblazer, influential political
3 strategist, and entrepreneur who has become a staple in Atlanta; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall began his work as a community and political dynamo where he
5 championed economic and education equality; he organized the restructuring of the Fulton
6 County & Georgia Young Democrats to engage young people across Georgia in the political
7 process, earning him the Young Man of the Year Community Service Award; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a director for Thomasville Recreation Center, community liaison for the
9 Atlanta City Council District One and multiple Fulton County Commissioners, community
10 & youth coordinator for Economic Opportunity Atlanta where he led numerous projects for
11 communities in South Atlanta, and community coordinator for Barnum Bailey Circus; and
- 12 WHEREAS, a formidable political strategist, Mr. Stovall was instrumental in electing
13 numerous political leaders to include four out of five historical African American mayors of
14 Atlanta, state Assembly races, and other local campaigns; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Stovall became a leader in the National Peanut Brigade,
16 campaigning in numerous states for the election of President Jimmy Carter and was
17 instrumental in the Roses Parade with the President and Mrs. Carter; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall was a special advisor to Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson for eight
19 years where he spearheaded engagement programs, housing opportunities, youth leadership
20 programs, and the first Atlanta city-wide Christmas Party which collectively serviced over
21 20,000 metro Atlanta residents; and

22 WHEREAS, he also served on the City of Atlanta Community Relations Board where he led
23 the Atlanta Braves' Good Neighbor Program, which provided services for over 40,000 metro
24 Atlanta residents; and

25 WHEREAS, this tireless community servant was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million to
26 build Carver YMCA, served on the City of Atlanta Empowerment Zone Committee, and
27 founded numerous community athletic programs; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1986, he and his wife, Nancy, started L&N Sales, which became Stovall's
29 T-shirts, a commercial printing company that held contracts with a hundred plus national and
30 international businesses and organizations; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall founded the retail operations firm, Stovall's Enterprises, in 1990,
32 which managed the logistical and retail operations of the 1996 Olympic Games and many
33 retail operations; the firm has achieved gross sales well over \$30 million and employed over
34 1,000; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall married Nancy Cater Stovall in 1964 and has three daughters and
36 seven grandchildren; he studied business management and was a football starter at Fort
37 Valley State College; he is the church deacon and lifelong member of Holy Temple Baptist
38 Church, Paradise Church of God In Christ, and Abundant Life Church of God In Christ; and

39 WHEREAS, he is a member of the International Masons & Eastern Stars and served as past
40 Worshipful Master for King James Lodge #121, Founder of Eldrin Bell Lodge #155, and
41 32nd degree Shriner; his dedication to his community spans over five decades; and

42 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
43 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
45 the members of this body commend Lovett Stovall for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
46 dedicated service to his community and the State of Georgia.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
49 Lovett Stovall.