

House Resolution 958

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th and Hugley of the 136th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of George "G.G." Johnson; 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 George "G.G." Johnson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born in 1938, in Columbus, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he broke through the seemingly impenetrable walls of segregation through his
6 distinguished talent on the golf course; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson qualified for the U.S Open in 1965, became the fourth
8 African-American to win a PGA Tour event at the Azalea Open in 1971, is a lifetime
9 member of the PGA Tour, and is the first and only African-American head golf professional
10 in Kentucky, where he led the Bobby Nichols Golf Course in Louisville; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the African-American Golfers Hall of Fame in 2008; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was united in love and marriage to LaJune and was blessed with
13 a remarkable daughter, Kristi; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
15 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
16 family and friends were admired by others; 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, Mr. Johnson will long be remembered for
21 his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
22 knowing 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 George "G.G." Johnson
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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of George "G.G." Johnson.