

## House Resolution 1486

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, McClain of the 100<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Mr. Lovett Stovall and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett Stovall is a national social change trailblazer, influential political  
3 strategist, and entrepreneur who has become a well-known leader in Atlanta; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall was born June 5, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, the sixth of 12 children,  
5 to the beloved Crowder and Mandie Florence Dodson Stovall; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he spent his youth in the historic Pittsburgh community and was educated in the  
7 Atlanta public school system at W.H. Crogman Elementary and Luther Judson Price High  
8 schools; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his accomplishments and dedication to communities on the south side of  
10 Atlanta and in surrounding areas span over five decades; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall began his work as a community and political dynamo where he  
12 championed economic and educational equality; he organized the restructuring of the Fulton  
13 County and Georgia Young Democrats to engage young people across Georgia in the  
14 political process, earning him the Young Man of the Year Community Service Award; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a special advisor to Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson for 12 years  
16 where he spearheaded engagement programs, housing opportunities, youth leadership  
17 programs, summer jobs, and the first Atlanta city-wide Christmas party which collectively  
18 serviced over 20,000 metro Atlanta residents; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he served as a founding committee member of the building of the Coca-Cola  
20 Lakewood Amphitheatre and a founding member of the Lakewood Oversight Committee,  
21 which established the Lakewood Finance Committee that funds surrounding communities  
22 of the Lakewood Amphitheatre; and

23 WHEREAS, this tireless community servant was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million to  
24 build Carver YMCA and served on the City of Atlanta Empowerment Zone Committee, on  
25 the official planning committee for the Summerhill Reunion, and as Neighborhood Planning  
26 Unit-Y Chairperson; and he served and founded numerous community organizations and  
27 athletic programs; and

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

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall served as President or member of the Parent Teacher Association  
32 for several schools over the span of a decade, demonstrating his commitment to the education  
33 of his daughters; and

34 WHEREAS, in 1986, he and his wife, Nancy, started L&N Sales, which later became  
35 Stovall's T-shirts, a commercial printing company that held contracts with more than one  
36 hundred national and international businesses and organizations; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall founded the retail operations firm, Stovall Enterprises, in 1990,  
38 which managed the logistical and retail operations of the 1996 Olympic Games and many  
39 retail operations; the firm has achieved gross sales of well over \$30 million and employed  
40 over 1,000 people; he also co-founded YSS Cleaning Services which employed thousands  
41 of metro Atlanta residents for projects at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium; and

42 WHEREAS, he is the co-founder, served as president for ten years, and is currently the  
43 president emeritus of the Big Red Homecoming Reunion, an annual event which reunites  
44 over 1,500 alumni of L.J. Price Middle School on school grounds to perform community  
45 service work; and

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

50 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Bro. Stovall," he is a member of the International  
51 Masons & Eastern Stars, the founder of and past Worshipful Master for King James Lodge

52 #121 and Eldrin Bell Lodge #155, past Worshipful Master for William V. Banks Lodge  
53 #104, and a 32nd degree Shriner; and

54 WHEREAS, he is a family man and has a heart for the people as an avid community  
55 organizer, networker, liaison, vocal and action leader, mentor, motivator, willing supporter,  
56 uplifter, and encourager of people no matter their economic hardship or status; and

57 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
58 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge  
59 in his honor.

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
61 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 75 at the University Avenue exit  
62 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Lovett Stovall Bridge.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
64 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lovett Stovall Bridge.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
66 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
67 Lovett Stovall and to the Department of Transportation.