

House Resolution 1637

By: Representative Weldon of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Martha Ann Cassell Lee; 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 Ms. Martha Ann Cassell Lee on October 10, 2015; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ms. Lee was born on April 22, 1950, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a beloved
5 daughter of Cecil and Betty Cassell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she attended Spring Creek and McBrien Elementary Schools, East Ridge
7 Middle School, and East Ridge High School, from which she graduated in 1969; and
- 8 WHEREAS, upon enrolling in and completing barber school in Knoxville, Tennessee, in
9 August, 1972, Ms. Lee began her lifelong barber career of 45 years at Pioneer Barber Shop
10 in East Ridge, Tennessee; and
- 11 WHEREAS, joining her husband, brother-in-law, and nephew at East Ridge Barber Shop,
12 where she worked until May, 2015, Ms. Lee, also a great cook and baker, attended to
13 generations of families throughout her career; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a resident of Ringgold, Georgia, for 45 years, and a woman of deep and abiding
15 faith, Ms. Lee was an active member of Gospel Way Baptist Church; and
- 16 WHEREAS, upon being diagnosed with Leukemia, Ms. Lee fought long and hard for two
17 and a half years, succumbing to the cancer last year at the age of 65, having spent her last
18 100 days in the hospital after undergoing six surgeries; and
- 19 WHEREAS, putting her family before all else, she was never concerned or worried for
20 herself, once telling her husband he did not need to learn to make biscuits because she would
21 be there to do it; and

22 WHEREAS, a joy to be around and a blessing to all who loved and knew her, Ms. Lee
23 demonstrated her love for the Lord throughout her life, even during her battle with
24 Leukemia; and

25 WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband, Jerry R. Lee; her remarkable son, Jerry
26 R. Lee, Jr.; her wonderful granddaughter, Mariah Lee; her gracious mother, Betty; and her
27 caring siblings, Tim, Becky, and Diane; and

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Ms. Lee will long be remembered for
29 her love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
30 knowing her.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Martha Ann Cassell
33 Lee and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Ms. Martha Ann Cassell Lee.