

House Resolution 1733

By: Representative Thomas of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ivory Lee Young, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., was elected as councilmember of Atlanta City Council
3 District 3 in 2001, and today, as a third-term councilmember, he continues to work tirelessly
4 to effectively support the economic and social needs of District 3 and the City of Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, his public service career was preceded by many years of committed community
6 activism and service, including his family's use of more than \$150,000.00 in personal funds
7 since 1992 to assist inner city families with obtaining childcare services; and

8 WHEREAS, Councilmember Young has rendered unprecedented service to the community,
9 from the use of the United States National Guard to demolish abandoned property in District
10 3 that the city budget could not fund, to legislating funding to assist families suffering
11 property losses due to the 2002 flood, as well as providing support for those devastated by
12 the tornado that swept through several Atlanta neighborhoods in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, he is adamant about protecting seniors and longtime residents to ensure that
14 they enjoy safe and viable neighborhoods in District 3, and is impassioned about the
15 proliferation of abandoned and vacant parcels; and

16 WHEREAS, he believes that transforming neglected property reduces crime, improves the
17 city tax base, and creates more vibrant and livable communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Councilmember Young has played an active role in the redevelopment of the
19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive corridor, including working to secure the designation of more
20 than \$65 million dollars to complete the Historic Westside Village project; and

21 WHEREAS, he hosts an annual senior citizen outing for more than 300 seniors of District
22 3, and distributes 1,000 food boxes to needy families within the community at Thanksgiving
23 and toys to children during the holidays; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1986, he earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Hampton University,
25 and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; he is also an active member and past
26 vice president of the National Organization of Minority Architects, Atlanta Chapter; and

27 WHEREAS, with more than 20 years of architectural, planning, and construction
28 management experience, he has assisted in creating designs, plans, and has advocated for the
29 investment of millions of dollars in District 3 development; and

30 WHEREAS, a native of Butler, Alabama, and the eldest son of Ivory L. Young, Sr., and
31 Susie Mae Young, he remains proud of his Alabama roots, visiting the same farms on which
32 his parents were raised, instilling in him humility and a realization that poverty is not a
33 disease that can be caught, and throughout his life, he embraced the opportunity of extensive
34 travel afforded to him because of his father's military career; and

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

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize and commend Ivory Lee Young, Jr., and extend our best
39 wishes for continued success.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ivory
42 Lee Young, Jr.