

House Resolution 1754

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Lumsden of the 12th, England of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Leonard "Lenny the Penny" Taylor for his outstanding public
2 service as a Georgia State Capitol Safety Officer; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Leonard "Lenny the Penny" Taylor has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that he has played at the state capitol; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States armed forces and has continued in public service as a Georgia State Capitol Safety
7 Officer; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor is well known and beloved for his infectious good will, greeting
9 people who cross the street with an enthusiastic "Happy beautiful Monday!" or "Alright,
10 alright, alright, let's get this party started!"; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the remarkable cheerfulness with which he greeted members, staff, and visitors
12 was not confined to holidays but was an everyday blessing to all who had the great fortune
13 of walking by him on their way into or out of the capitol; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he sings in the Men's Faith Choir at Hopewell
15 Missionary Baptist Church and also uses his vocal gift to serenade passersby; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his cheerfulness and gift for comedy extend well beyond the state capitol and
17 eventually earned him a part in Tyler Perry's movie, *Meet the Browns*; and
- 18 WHEREAS, grateful to have the opportunity to make people smile, he is a man of
19 unassuming greatness whose small acts of kindness and generosity have uplifted the entire
20 Capitol Hill community; and

21 WHEREAS, his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of
22 the positive effect law enforcement officers have on the lives and well-being of others; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor has served with honor and distinction as a Safety Officer at the
24 Georgia State Capitol, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
25 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Leonard "Lenny the Penny" Taylor for
28 his exemplary service to the State of Georgia and extend their most sincere best wishes for
29 his continued health and happiness.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
32 Leonard "Lenny the Penny" Taylor.