

House Resolution 1774

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sylvester and Juanita Ashford, the 2016 Tattnall County  
2 Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award recipients; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sylvester Ashford was born on April 26, 1923, and attended high school at the  
4 Georgia Baptist College because he could not attend school in his hometown during the days  
5 of segregation; and

6 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously served in the United States military during World  
7 War II and became a Corporal; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashford attended Albany State College, where he served as president of the  
9 Student Government and later as president of the National Alumni Association, and is  
10 currently a member of the Albany State Hall of Fame; he went on to attend New York  
11 University to receive his master's degree; and

12 WHEREAS, he has served in many public services positions, including city councilman in  
13 Glennville, Georgia; vice chairman of the Tattnall County Board of Education; and member  
14 of the Glennville Development Authority; and

15 WHEREAS, he aided in the building of the Sons of Glennville Lodge #258 and the First  
16 African Missionary Baptist Church, both in Glennville; he was the first principal of  
17 Glennville Elementary School, formerly Seckinger Elementary, and retired with the title  
18 Principal Emeritus; and

19 WHEREAS, Juanita Ashford, who graduated from Beach High School and Savannah State  
20 University, retired from teaching at Glennville Middle School after 38 years; and

21 WHEREAS, she served two terms on the Tattnall County Board of Education and helped  
22 merge the schools that led to the building of Tattnall County High School in 1993; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashford is a member of the Tattnall and Georgia Association of  
24 Educators; has served as a hostess for the Glennville Welcome Center; and is a Past Matron  
25 of the Star of Glennville #162, Order of Eastern Star, former Sunday school teacher, Minister  
26 of Music, VBS organizer, Director Emeritus, and member of the Tattnall County DFACS  
27 Board; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these  
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body recognize and commend Sylvester and Juanita Ashford, the 2016  
32 Tattnall County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, and extend  
33 most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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  
36 Sylvester and Juanita Ashford.