

## Senate Resolution 433

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Harry Groff Lefever; 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 Dr. Harry Groff Lefever on February 3, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, born on December 7, 1931, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, he moved to Atlanta  
5 to earn a doctorate degree from Emory University and became a long-time resident of  
6 Atlanta's Candler Park neighborhood, involving himself in many social and charitable issues;  
7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, he served as professor of sociology at Spelman College from 1966 to 2003  
9 when he was awarded the rank of professor emeritus, devoting his life's work to studying,  
10 teaching, and writing about civil rights; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an avid world traveler, Dr. Lefever visited several countries to learn about other  
12 cultures and religions and to gather inspiration and material for his multiple books; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Esther, and was blessed with  
14 four remarkable children, Kristina, Carla, Erika, and Dimitri, and three wonderful  
15 grandchildren; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
17 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
18 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
21 made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Harry Groff Lefever will long be  
23 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great  
24 fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Harry Groff Lefever and express their deepest  
27 and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
30 Dr. Harry Groff Lefever.