

House Resolution 746

By: Representatives LaRiccia of the 169th, Williams of the 168th, and Pirkle of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr.; 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 Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr., on March 20, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr., was born on December 30, 1936, in Callahan, Florida,
5 a beloved son of Thomas Roper and Pearlie Mae Clayton Roper-Johnson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr., began serving his first term as a commissioner of the
7 City of Douglas on July 1, 1985; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Commissioner Roper's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
9 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
10 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
11 associates; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Commissioner Roper was highly respected in his community for being a strong
13 advocate for all people of the community; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his primary objective was to see Miracle Field constructed to provide those with
15 special needs a facility in which to play and compete, and he was instrumental in acquiring
16 the funds for its construction; and
- 17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr., was an active member
18 of Gaines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his late wife, Robbie, and was blessed
20 with three remarkable children, Johnnie, Robbie, and Clara; seven wonderful grandchildren,

21 Reginald, Orlando, Jerod, Benera, Monica, Riccardo (deceased), and Benji (deceased); and
22 eight outstanding great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
24 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
25 family and friends were admired by others; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
28 made this world a better place in which to live; and

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr., will long be
30 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
31 fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr.,
34 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Johnnie Lee Roper, Sr.