

House Resolution 839

By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Keion Carpenter; 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 Keion Carpenter on December 29, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Keion Carpenter was born in Baltimore, Maryland, a beloved son of William
5 and Teresa Harris; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he rose to fame as a star football player in his hometown and became a Virginia
7 Tech Hokie before joining the National Football League as a defensive back for the Buffalo
8 Bills where he played for three years and the Atlanta Falcons where he played for four years;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, after retiring from the NFL, he became a sportscaster and an inspirational
11 author and dedicated his talents to his nonprofit, The Carpenter House, which focuses to
12 support the development of healthy homes and environments for low income children to
13 thrive and reach their highest potential for academic success; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he also spent several years coaching and mentoring youth at Hebron Christian
15 Academy in Dacula, Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Tonia, and was blessed with
17 four remarkable children, Kymiah, Kierra, Kyle, and Kennedy; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Keion Carpenter will long be remembered
25 for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
26 knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Keion Carpenter and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the
32 family of Keion Carpenter.