

House Resolution 1023

By: Representative Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Keith Jones; 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 Reverend Keith Jones on November 16, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Keith Jones was born on April 29, 1952, in Macon, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of Reverend Grover Duffie Jones and Ethelene Dyer Jones; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Jones served as a Baptist minister  
7 for 45 years at various churches in Georgia and was a member of the First Baptist Church  
8 of Blue Ridge; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman and professional storyteller also served as a board  
10 member of the Byron Herbert Reece Society and the UGA Extension Center in Blairsville;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Debbie, and was blessed with  
13 three remarkable sons, Brian, Nathan, and Matthew, and 12 wonderful grandchildren; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
15 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
16 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Keith will long be remembered for his love  
21 of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Keith Jones and  
24 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 family of Reverend Keith Jones.