

House Resolution 1281

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mr. Calvin Lamar, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Calvin Lamar, Sr., was born August 25, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia, to the union
3 of Charles Thomas Lamar and Thelma Callaway Lamar Millines, the second of six children;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Calvin received his education in the Atlanta Public School System in Fulton
6 County, Georgia, and in 1966 he graduated from Samuel Howard Archer High School, where
7 he played center on the Archer High Varsity Football team and served as the home room
8 class treasurer; and

9 WHEREAS, he began working his first job at 9 or 10 years old in Ike's Grocery Store
10 bagging groceries, and in his in his teen years he worked with the meat manager in a thriving
11 area in a downtown grocery store, and upon graduation he worked for Sears and Roebucks
12 on Ponce de Leon, but at the urging of his wife, he left there and gained employment at
13 General Motors in Doraville in 1969 from which he reluctantly retired after 39 years because
14 the plant was closing its doors; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1969, Calvin married the love of his life, Ouida Roberts Lamar,
16 and together they raised two boys, William "Bill" Lamar and Calvin "Skeet" Lamar, Jr.,
17 whom both preceded him in death 2015 and 2006 respectively; and

18 WHEREAS, besides being a dedicated husband and father, he was committed to his love for
19 sports and the games of football and baseball, and while attending a little league baseball
20 game Calvin began "quietly" offering coaching advice from the stands; the team's coaches,
21 impressed by his expertise, offered him the head coaching position on the staff, which was
22 historical for because Calvin was the first African American coach in the league, shattering
23 the racial barrier; and

24 WHEREAS, Calvin continued both baseball and football coaching for the Mableton Tigers
25 Youth Association in Cobb County and soon began bringing minority children from the
26 Atlanta area into the league to play sports, shaping and influencing the lives of all the youth
27 he coached, and when the family moved to College Park, Georgia, as one of the first African
28 American families in the neighborhood, he began coaching at Old National Park, which
29 became a 38 year coaching career where he coached generations of families; and

30 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, his sons, and his brother, Steve Lamar,
31 and he leaves to cherish his sweet memories, his extremely devoted wife, Ouida Roberts
32 Lamar; his beloved grandchildren, Caylin, Caleb, and Cayla "Bunny" and their mother and
33 his daughter-in-law, Carol; granddaughter, Lindsay and her mother, Heather;
34 daughter-in-law, LaTeka; his daddy, Jimmie Millines, Sr.; one sister, Angela Goggins; three
35 brothers, Lawrence Lamar (Mattie), Jimmie Millines, Jr., and Reginald Millines; two
36 maternal aunts, Margaree Polk and Edna Bryant; his brother-in-law, Alvin "Tolu" Roberts;
37 his sister-in-law, Ms. Terri Brown; three special godsons, David Barbosa, Greg Browning
38 and Terrell Johnson; and a host of other loving family, friends and fans.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body celebrate the exceptional life of Mr. Calvin Lamar, Sr., and express
41 regret at his passing.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 family of Mr. Calvin Lamar, Sr.