

House Resolution 640

By: Representatives Metze of the 55th, Bruce of the 61st, Thomas of the 56th, McClain of the 100th, Cannon of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lonnie C. King, Jr.; 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 Lonnie C. King, Jr., on March 5, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lonnie was born on August 30, 1936, in Arlington, Georgia, a beloved son of
5 the late Bertha Thrasher and Lonnie King, Sr.; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lonnie was a graduate of Morehouse College, where he led the Atlanta Student
9 Movement's political, economic, and legal boycotts against segregated businesses in Atlanta;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Lonnie would go on to lead thousands of students and adults in marches on the
12 state capitol and downtown businesses; the resulting economic boycott cost businesses
13 millions of dollars during the Christmas holiday of 1960 and led to desegregation of Atlanta
14 stores and restaurants; and
- 15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lonnie was an active member of Ebenezer
16 Baptist Church; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and stalwart fight
18 for social justice throughout his life, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
19 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lonnie C. King, Jr., and
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Lonnie C. King, Jr.