

House Resolution 678

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Thomas of the 56th, Jackson of the 64th, Clark of the 108th, and Bennett of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Bill Jenkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of the country's most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Dr. Bill Jenkins on February 17, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenkins was an early whistleblower who tried to expose the unethical
5 Tuskegee syphilis study among African American men in the 1960s and devoted the rest of
6 his career to fighting racism in health; and
- 7 WHEREAS, as a member of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study Legacy Committee, he was
8 responsible for the committee's report that successfully urged President Bill Clinton to
9 apologize for the study on behalf of the country; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
11 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
12 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
14 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
15 made this world a better place in which to live.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Bill Jenkins and
18 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 family of Dr. Bill Jenkins.