

## House Resolution 1504

By: Representatives Dukes of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Hopson of the 153<sup>rd</sup>, and Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Frank Ross Sr.; 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 Frank Ross Sr. on February 21, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Frank Ross Sr. was born on January 21, 1922, in Mitchell County, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of James Henderson and Ophelia Riggins-Barnes Ross; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Frank lived a full life, often praising God in  
7 song; he was known in the community for his ability to whistle and sing beautiful hymns;  
8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Odessa, and was blessed with  
10 seven remarkable children, ten wonderful grandchildren, 17 outstanding great-grandchildren,  
11 and two adorable great-great-grandchildren; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Frank treated everyone he knew with love and respect but, most of all, he  
13 cherished his relationship with family and loved to entertain his grandchildren by sharing  
14 humorous stories from his youth; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Frank will long be remembered for his love  
22 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
23 knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Frank Ross Sr. and express  
26 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Frank Ross Sr.