

## House Resolution 232

By: Representatives Allen of the 40<sup>th</sup>, Reeves of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Parsons of the 44<sup>th</sup>, and Cooper of the 43<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Wallace T. Coopwood; 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 Wallace T. Coopwood; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wallace T. Coopwood was born on October 13, 1939, in Forest City, Arkansas,
- 5 and earned his bachelor's degree in 1967 from Washington University; and
- 6 WHEREAS, an aspiring entrepreneur, he first ran a grocery store and had the distinction of
- 7 serving as president of The Black Retailers of St. Louis, Missouri, before finding success in
- 8 Atlanta, Georgia, where he opened Dynasty Fashions and Silksations; and
- 9 WHEREAS, transitioning from entrepreneur to lobbyist, he championed grace and poise
- 10 during his fulfilling career as a longtime lobbyist at the Georgia State Capitol and was
- 11 respected by all, serving as a mentor to many lobbyists; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he graciously founded the remarkable Foundation 2000 for Children, a
- 13 scholarship foundation for Cobb County School District students; and

14 WHEREAS, Wallace gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep  
15 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he  
16 demonstrated to his 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, Wallace T. Coopwood will long be  
21 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
22 had the great fortune of knowing him.

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 Wallace T. Coopwood 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 Wallace T. Coopwood.