

House Resolution 535

By: Representatives Gaines of the 117th, Wiedower of the 119th, and Frye of the 118th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Horace King for his trailblazing Georgia Bulldogs football career and for
2 being an outstanding Athenian; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Horace King grew up in Athens, Georgia, as an avid Georgia football fan in the
4 1950s; and

5 WHEREAS, alongside Richard Appleby and Clarence Pope, he became acquainted with
6 Sanford Stadium by purchasing trays of soda and selling them; and

7 WHEREAS, upon selling enough sodas to pay for the overhead of the tray, King would find
8 himself a spot near the band to watch the game; and

9 WHEREAS, King, Appleby, and Pope joined Chuck Kinnebrew and Larry West in 1971, ten
10 years after the University's integration, as the first African Americans to play football for the
11 Georgia Bulldogs with Vince Dooley as head coach; and

12 WHEREAS, with his teammates by his side, King was the first African American to score
13 a touchdown for the Georgia Bulldogs in 1972; and

14 WHEREAS, King tied a Georgia Bulldog record by scoring four touchdowns in a single
15 game; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to King's legacy on the field, he, along with Kinnebrew and West,
17 earned degrees from the University of Georgia during their time on the football team; and

18 WHEREAS, four years after starting at Georgia, he became the first African American from
19 Georgia to be drafted by the NFL; and

20 WHEREAS, King played for the Detroit Lions from 1975 to 1983 before working for
21 General Motors; and

22 WHEREAS, upon retirement, King returned to Georgia as a devoted Bulldog letterman with
23 frequent attendance at Bulldog community events.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body honor Horace King for his legacy that helped shape the path of
26 Georgia football.

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
29 Horace King.