

House Resolution 735

By: Representatives Burns of the 159th and Hitchens of the 161st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Clarence Edward Morgan; 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 Clarence Edward Morgan on January 5, 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Clarence was born in Effingham County, Georgia, a beloved son of Willie
5 Morgan, Nora Lee Hodges Morgan, and Robert Pitts; and

6 WHEREAS, after 30 years of hard work and dedication, he retired as a beloved teacher and
7 coach from the Effingham County School System; and

8 WHEREAS, he served many years as director of Effingham County Recreation Department;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he also played on the B & B softball team, was part of the Josh Reddick
11 Foundation, and was extremely instrumental in the Effingham Navigators; and

12 WHEREAS, in his time as director, he worked tirelessly to expand the recreation department
13 to become one of the most prominent programs in the State of Georgia; and

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14 WHEREAS, one of his proudest moments was opening the Clarence E Morgan Complex in
15 2017, which was named in his honor; and

16 WHEREAS, under his leadership, there were many accomplishments in Effingham County,
17 which included the public opening of Baker Pond, five Georgia Recreation and Parks State
18 Championships, and the first-ever fast-pitch softball league; and

19 WHEREAS, Clarence served on various committees and received many awards with the
20 Georgia Recreation and Park Association, including the 2017 Most Distinguished
21 Professional award, the Gold Eagle Award from the Coastal Georgia Council of Boy Scouts
22 of America, GRPA Agency of the Year, GRPA First District Commissioner, and a member
23 of the Effingham County Sports Hall of Fame; and

24 WHEREAS, other accolades he received were the Effingham Chamber of Commerce John
25 Adam Treutlen Award, Sports Digest Sportsman of the Year, and United Way Volunteer of
26 the Year; and

27 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Pam, and was blessed with one
28 remarkable child, April, as well as a special son-in-law, Walt; and

29 WHEREAS, he had a close relationship with his two wonderful grandsons, Tyler and
30 Morgan, who were affectionately called "Papa's Little Men;" and

31 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
32 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
33 family and friends were admired by others; and

34 WHEREAS, Clarence was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
35 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of
36 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, he will long be remembered for his love
38 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
39 knowing him.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Clarence Edward Morgan
42 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
44 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
45 family of Clarence Edward Morgan.