

## House Resolution 1328

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and legacy of Ron Shipman; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the passing of Ron Shipman, an extraordinary  
3 business executive, visionary public servant, and devoted family man whose life's work  
4 reflected an unwavering commitment to leadership, service, and the advancement of  
5 communities throughout Middle Georgia, this state, and beyond; and
- 6 WHEREAS, throughout a distinguished career spanning nearly four decades, Ron Shipman  
7 served with excellence at Georgia Power, beginning in 1984 at Plant Hatch as a nuclear  
8 chemistry technician and environmental specialist and rising through numerous leadership  
9 roles in environmental affairs, legislative and external affairs, customer service, and regional  
10 operations, ultimately serving as Vice President of the Southwest Region, where he oversaw  
11 electric service delivery to hundreds of thousands of customers across a vast multiregional  
12 territory; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his leadership at Georgia Power strengthened infrastructure reliability, fostered  
14 economic growth, and advanced responsible environmental stewardship, earning him  
15 widespread respect as a thoughtful executive who balanced innovation with community  
16 responsibility; and

17 WHEREAS, following his distinguished tenure in the electric utility industry, he continued  
18 his commitment to public service through leadership in economic development and regional  
19 advancement, including work with industrial development initiatives and civic organizations  
20 that helped position Middle Georgia for sustainable growth and opportunity; and

21 WHEREAS, Ron Shipman later served as Executive Director and President of the Macon  
22 Water Authority, becoming the first African American to hold that role and leading with  
23 vision and purpose to strengthen operational excellence, build public trust, and ensure  
24 reliable water resources for the citizens of Bibb County and surrounding communities; and

25 WHEREAS, beyond his professional accomplishments, he was deeply devoted to his beloved  
26 wife, Anita Shipman, whose steadfast support and partnership were central to his life's  
27 journey, and together they built a legacy grounded in faith, family, service, and compassion;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, those who knew him best recognized that his greatest pride was found not only  
30 in his professional achievements but in the love he shared with his family and the example  
31 he set as a husband, father, mentor, and friend; and

32 WHEREAS, his influence extended throughout civic and educational initiatives across  
33 Middle Georgia, where he championed collaboration, mentorship, and opportunity, leaving  
34 a lasting imprint on the business community, public institutions, and the lives of countless  
35 Georgians; and

36 WHEREAS, the passing of Ron Shipman represents a profound loss to Anita Shipman, his  
37 family, the Macon community, the State of Georgia, and all who were touched by his  
38 leadership and generosity of spirit; and

39 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the remarkable life of this distinguished  
40 Georgian be recognized by this body and that his legacy be preserved as an enduring  
41 example of excellence, service, and compassion.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Ron Shipman and recognize his  
44 extraordinary contributions to his family, Georgia Power, industrial and economic  
45 development efforts, the Macon Water Authority, the business community, and the State of  
46 Georgia.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Anita  
49 Shipman and the Shipman family.