

## House Resolution 1305

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Barnes of the 86<sup>th</sup>, Drenner of the 85<sup>th</sup>, and Park of the 107<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. James Matthew Garrett; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. James Matthew Garrett, a native of Turner County and a devoted public  
3 servant, dedicated his life to enriching the lives of countless Georgians; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a proud graduate of the University of Georgia, Dr. James Matthew Garrett  
5 served in leadership roles with Dance Marathon, LeaderShape, and the Arch Society as well  
6 as advanced academic work promoting integrity development among college students,  
7 contributions that continue to shape student leadership programs within the university; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a transformative force in the field of organizational development,  
9 leading strategic initiatives at Emory University and serving as a Principal Partner at  
10 Deloitte, where he championed inclusive leadership development and systemic  
11 improvements in public health services across all levels of government; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he further served as a lead volunteer for over two decades in leadership roles  
13 with the Human Rights Campaign, advocating passionately and tirelessly for LGBTQ+  
14 equality and earning recognition as one of Georgia's Most Influential Leaders in 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. James Matthew Garrett was honored with Ashburn's Key to the City and  
16 the proclamation of "Matt Garrett Day" in recognition of his contributions to his community  
17 and state; and

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. James Matthew Garrett will long be  
19 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
20 had the great fortune of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Dr. James Matthew Garrett and  
23 express the deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
26 family of Dr. James Matthew Garrett.