

House Resolution 1099

By: Representatives Jackson of the 64th, Hopson of the 153rd, Smyre of the 135th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Thomas of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mack Wilbourn; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, owner and president of Mack II Inc., a quick service restaurant, Mack Wilbourn
3 has been a leader within the Atlanta business and nonprofit community for over 50 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Wilbourn became one of the first minority McDonald's franchisees
5 in Atlanta, quickly growing his business to four McDonald's restaurants and over 150
6 employees before selling the operation in 1992; and
- 7 WHEREAS, while working on the startup of the first Popeyes establishments in an airport,
8 Mr. Wilbourn became an Olympic licensee and played an integral role in the event's success
9 as an innovative color-changing glass and mug vendor for the Atlanta 1996 Summer
10 Olympic Games; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his current franchises include Atlanta Bread & Bar, Baja Fresh Mexican,
12 Famiglia Pizza, Phillips Seafood, Popeyes, and We Juice It, all of which are located in
13 Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn has received state-wide recognition for his professional acumen,
15 winning awards such as the 2011 Corporation of the Year award from The Atlanta Business
16 League and the 2016 Corporation of the Year award from the City of College Park; and

17 WHEREAS, as additional testament to his entrepreneurial expertise, he was inducted into the
18 Atlanta Business League Hall of Fame, nominated for the Franchisee of the Year award from
19 the Georgia Restaurant Association, and inducted into the Hall of Fame of his alma mater,
20 Tucson High School; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn has served the people of this state as a board member of Georgia
22 Primary Bank, The Center Helping Obesity in Children End Successfully Inc. (CHOICES),
23 The Piedmont Foundation, The Smithsonian National Portrait Museum, and The Atlanta
24 Business League; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilbourn is a devout member of Salem Bible Church; a loving father to
26 two sons, McKenzie and Marquis; and a cherished grandfather to two grandsons, Mason and
27 McKenzie Jr., as well as one granddaughter, Madison.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Mack Wilbourn on his many years of
30 groundbreaking entrepreneurship and his service to the Atlanta business and nonprofit
31 community and wish him many continued years of success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mack
34 Wilbourn.