

House Resolution 282

By: Representative Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Crawford Lewis; 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 Dr. Crawford Lewis on January 28, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford Lewis dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy to the
5 well-being of the youth of DeKalb County, Georgia, during his 33 years of service to the
6 DeKalb County School District; and
- 7 WHEREAS, beginning in 1997 as a physical education teacher, he rose to his final role as
8 superintendent as a result of his own hard work and determination, overseeing 137 schools
9 and centers that serve more than 100,000 students; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a visionary who was recognized for his leadership and commitment to
11 education, Dr. Crawford Lewis was honored nationally and locally through numerous
12 awards, including the DeKalb Schools Principal of the Year award, the Milken Foundation's
13 National Education Award, the NAACP Education Award, and more; and

14 WHEREAS, he further served his community as part of various organizations, such as the
15 DeKalb, Metro Atlanta, and Georgia chambers of commerce; the DeKalb Rotary Club; and
16 the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County; and

17 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Sandra, and was blessed with
18 two remarkable children, Denise and Matthew; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Crawford Lewis will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Crawford Lewis and
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Dr. Crawford Lewis.