

## House Resolution 688

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Scoggins of the 14<sup>th</sup>, Momtahan of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Gullett of the 19<sup>th</sup>, Mathis of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. John "Johnny" Savage; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. John "Johnny" Savage has lived a life dedicated to service, leadership, and  
3 mentorship and has devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy to his fellow  
4 citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, born on April 16, 1934, Dr. Savage graduated from Emory Dental School in  
6 1959 and began a distinguished career in dentistry, later serving his community in Ebro,  
7 Florida, where he continued practicing until the age of 89 and often provided pro bono  
8 services to patients in need; and

9 WHEREAS, he honorably served in the United States Navy Dental Corps, beginning his  
10 career in Jacksonville, Florida, before requesting a global assignment, which led him to serve  
11 aboard the *USS Glacier* during Operation Deep Freeze, a mission providing logistical and  
12 research support in Antarctica, where a glacier was later named in his honor; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Savage demonstrated his commitment to public service as a three-term  
14 member of the Georgia House of Representatives from Fulton County, serving once as a

15 Democrat and twice as a Republican, and he further pursued leadership by running as the  
16 Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia in 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, a passionate mentor, Dr. Savage played an instrumental role in the career of  
18 Otis "Jazzbo" Ikner, who became the first Black male dental hygienist in the United States,  
19 a remarkable story he later chronicled in his book, *Johnny and Jazzbo: A True Story*; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout his life, he has exhibited courage and selflessness even in the face  
21 of imminent danger, including saving a man from a sinking car; and

22 WHEREAS, through his devotion, patience, and understanding, he has provided strong and  
23 loving support for his family, which includes his beloved mother, Mildred; his sister, Nora;  
24 and his son, Mark; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be  
26 appropriately honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Dr. John "Johnny" Savage for his unselfish, dedicated,  
29 and loving service to the members of his family, community, state, and nation as well as  
30 extend their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

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 Dr.  
33 John "Johnny" Savage.