

House Resolution 907

By: Representatives Henderson of the 113th, Lupton of the 83rd, and Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Archie S. Shepherd; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a native of Covington, Georgia, Archie S. Shepherd devoted decades of his life
3 to advocacy, civil rights, and community service, greatly impacting the citizens of Newton
4 County through his enduring commitment to social justice; and
- 5 WHEREAS, his leadership within the Newton County NAACP included serving as President
6 from 1998 to 2006 and Chairperson of the Legal Redress Committee from 2006 to 2014,
7 earning him honors such as the 2004 Humanitarian Award and a proclamation declaring
8 November 17, 2006, as "Archie Shepherd Day" in recognition of his dedication; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he significantly impacted the youth of Newton County through his founding of
10 the Sam McLurkin Council #75, Order of the Knights of Pythagoras, in 2008, providing
11 mentorship and leadership development opportunities; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he further expanded his community advocacy in March 2015 by organizing and
13 serving as President of the Newton County Chapter of the National Action Network (NAN),
14 for which he received the Dorothy Irene Height Trailblazer Award for Social Justice in
15 November 2015; and

16 WHEREAS, his exemplary involvement with Prince Hall Masonic Friendship Lodge #20
17 spanned over 50 years of distinguished service as member and Past Worshipful Master, for
18 which he received awards such as the Outstanding Service Award, Longevity Award, and
19 the Purple Jacket marking his 50-year milestone; and

20 WHEREAS, his contributions to the community also included ten years of dedicated service
21 on the Medical Board of the Willing Helpers Medical Clinic, service on the City of
22 Covington Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, active participation on the Northeast
23 Georgia Aging Services Advisory Council Board, and advocacy for workers as Chief Union
24 Steward of Local #42 AFL-CIO-CLC; and

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

28 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Archie S. Shepherd will long be
29 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
30 had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Archie S. Shepherd and
33 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Archie S. Shepherd.