

House Resolution 1887

By: Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115<sup>th</sup> and Holly of the 116<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Councilman Alphonso Thomas and dedicating an intersection in his  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Councilman Alphonso Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Councilman Thomas attended Smith Barnes Elementary School, the Henry  
7 County Training School in McDonough, and earned a football scholarship to Fort Valley  
8 State University; and

9 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Blue," Councilman Thomas served the City of  
10 Stockbridge for more than 35 years; and

11 WHEREAS, he was employed by the Economic Opportunity Authority as a youth organizer  
12 at Perry Holmes where he mentored youth, and his commitment to civic engagement also  
13 extended through his membership in the Esquire Fraternity and Fort Valley State alumni; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Councilman Thomas was a member of Trinity  
15 United Methodist Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Councilman Thomas was recognized with numerous honors, including the  
17 Henry County NAACP Freedom Fund Community Service award, the Eagle Scout Mentor's  
18 Pin from Troop #65, and the Zeta Mu Nu Chapter Omega Citizen of the year award; and

19 WHEREAS, he was known for his principled leadership, collaborative spirit, and  
20 commitment to public service, earning respect from colleagues and citizens alike; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
22 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 42/US-23 and East Atlanta  
25 Road in Henry County is dedicated as the Councilman Alphonso Thomas Memorial  
26 Intersection.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Councilman Alphonso  
29 Thomas Memorial Intersection.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Councilman Alphonso Thomas and to the Department of Transportation.