

House Resolution 1984

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 108th, Jones of the 143rd,
and Au of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Benjamin Laremont and
2 designating October 18, 2026, as Dr. Benjamin Laremont Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin Laremont was a pioneering physician, devoted family man, and
4 compassionate servant whose life's work embodied excellence, resilience, and an unwavering
5 commitment to the well-being of others; and

6 WHEREAS, born in Panama as one of twelve children, Dr. Laremont was raised in a
7 household rooted in discipline, unity, and perseverance, the son of a father who contributed
8 to the construction of the historic Panama Canal and a mother whose strength and grace
9 sustained their family; and

10 WHEREAS, as an immigrant to the United States, Dr. Laremont pursued higher education
11 with determination, attending Meharry Medical College, an institution renowned for
12 producing physicians dedicated to advancing health equity and serving underserved
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Laremont made history in Peoria, Illinois, as the first Black doctor at Peoria
15 Methodist Medical Center, breaking barriers and opening doors for future generations of
16 medical professionals through both his excellence and courage; and

17 WHEREAS, he answered the call to serve his country as a physician in the United States
18 military, where he was stationed in Virginia and met his beloved wife and partner in purpose,
19 Dr. Sylvia Laremont, with whom he shared a lifelong commitment to healing and service;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, together, Dr. Benjamin and Dr. Sylvia Laremont exemplified the highest ideals
22 of partnership and dedication, using their medical practice as a ministry to serve countless
23 individuals and families; and

24 WHEREAS, upon relocating to the State of Georgia, Dr. Laremont established a trusted
25 medical practice in Duluth, where he became a physician to thousands, caring for patients
26 across generations and backgrounds, and earning deep respect for his compassion,
27 accessibility, and tireless work ethic; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Laremont extended his service across numerous communities, including his
29 work at DeKalb County Jail, nursing homes, hospitals, and clinics throughout Covington,
30 Athens, and beyond, always ensuring that quality care reached those in need; and

31 WHEREAS, even while facing the challenges of Parkinson's disease, Dr. Laremont
32 continued to demonstrate extraordinary strength, dedication, and perseverance until his
33 retirement in 2021, leaving behind a legacy defined not only by medical excellence but by
34 humanity and love; and

35 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Laremont lived
36 a life grounded in faith, service, and community, touching lives both inside and outside the
37 walls of the church; and

38 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr.
39 Benjamin Laremont be recognized and commemorated, and that his contributions to
40 medicine, community service, and the State of Georgia be forever remembered.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body honor the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Benjamin Laremont
43 and commend his enduring contributions to the fields of medicine, public service, and
44 community uplift.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body recognize October 18, 2026,
46 as Dr. Benjamin Laremont Day.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
48 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
49 family of Dr. Benjamin Laremont.