

House Resolution 2106

By: Representative Carson of the 46<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of William Edward "Ed" Davis; 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 William Edward "Ed" Davis on March 23, 2026; and
- 4 WHEREAS, William Edward "Ed" Davis was born in Alberta, Virginia, a beloved son of  
5 Richard M. Davis Sr. and Martha "Beth" Page Davis; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served the youth of this state as a band director and fine arts department  
7 chair at multiple schools, most notably Austin Road Middle School in Henry County, where  
8 under his leadership, bands earned 67 consecutive superior ratings at Georgia Music  
9 Educators Association events; and
- 10 WHEREAS, throughout his career, he encouraged generations of students to grow as  
11 musicians and individuals, becoming a mentor and guide whose influence extended far  
12 beyond the classroom; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he further served as president of the Georgia Music Educators Association, held  
14 leadership roles within the Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity and the

15 National Band Association, and appeared more than 200 times as a guest conductor and  
16 adjudicator across multiple states; and

17 WHEREAS, he received numerous honors for his contributions to music education,  
18 including the National Band Association Citation of Excellence, the Sudler Cup from the  
19 John Philip Sousa Foundation, the Sousa Foundation Legion of Honor, and more; and

20 WHEREAS, William Edward "Ed" Davis co-founded ENCORE! Music Camps, the Youth  
21 Concert Band of Atlanta, and TARA Winds, creating opportunities for musicians of all ages  
22 to develop their talents; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Marcia, and was blessed with  
24 two remarkable children, Allison and Jonathan; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Edward "Ed" Davis 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 William Edward "Ed"  
30 Davis and 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 William Edward "Ed" Davis.