

House Resolution 40EX

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Burnough of the 77th, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the life, legacy, and 87th birthday of James Schofield; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
3 enduring contributions of distinguished individuals be recognized and celebrated; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James Schofield, born on August 23, 1939, in Camden, South Carolina, has
5 lived a life characterized by determination, entrepreneurship, and a strong commitment to
6 family; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after migrating to New Rochelle, New York, he became known for his
8 dedication to hard work, integrity, and uplifting others through both professional and
9 business endeavors; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he is the proud father of Georgia State Representative Kim Schofield (D-63)
11 and has inspired future generations to pursue excellence, leadership, and service to others;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, James Schofield's career spanned more than 15 years of service to Xerox
14 Corporation, where he worked in the Minority Diversity Supplier Program and helped

15 expand opportunities for inclusion, professional advancement, and economic empowerment;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he has long been recognized as a supporter of family-owned businesses and
18 played an instrumental role in the legacy of Scobie's Restaurant in Harlem, New York, a
19 cherished gathering place that celebrated culture, community, and the rich traditions of soul
20 food cuisine; and

21 WHEREAS, in April 1996, he furthered that legacy by opening Scobie's Restaurant in
22 Piscataway, New Jersey, becoming the area's first soul food restaurant and creating a
23 welcoming destination that brought together families, friends, and neighbors through food,
24 fellowship, and cultural pride; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout his life, James Schofield has exemplified the entrepreneurial spirit,
26 demonstrating that business ownership can serve as a vehicle for community development,
27 cultural preservation, and economic opportunity; and

28 WHEREAS, his life story reflects the values of perseverance, resilience, vision, and
29 generosity, and his contributions have left an indelible mark on the lives of his family,
30 friends, colleagues, customers, and community members; and

31 WHEREAS, as he celebrates his 87th birthday, it is appropriate to recognize not only his
32 many accomplishments but also the profound impact he has had on those around him and the
33 legacy he continues to build.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body join in celebrating the 87th birthday of James Schofield, honor his

36 remarkable life and achievements, and express their sincere appreciation for his contributions
37 to his family, profession, and community.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to James
40 Schofield.