

House Resolution 1157

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Burnough of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Bazemore of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mayor Willie Oswalt; 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 Mayor Willie Oswalt on February 10, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mayor Oswalt was born in 1940, in Columbus, Mississippi; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in
6 1965, received his master's degree in education from Mississippi State University in 1970,
7 and completed his specialist's degree in education at Atlanta University in 1981; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mayor Oswalt began his coaching career at Forest Park High School in 1965
9 and held many different coaching positions until his retirement as athletic director and head
10 football and track coach at Morrow High School in 1994; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he earned recognition and distinction for his dedication and commitment to
12 coaching and was named Coach of the Year on ten occasions; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mayor Oswalt began his political career in 1974 when he ran for and won
14 election to the city council of Lake City, where he served until his election to the position of
15 mayor of Lake City in 1987; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mayor Oswalt served on numerous boards, including the Atlanta Regional
17 Commission, the Clayton County Meals on Wheels program, and the Clayton County
18 Municipal Association; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce honored him in 2010 with a
20 Lifetime Achievement Award, and Governor Roy Barnes named Mayor Oswalt as an
21 Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Aide De Camp to the Governor in 1999; and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
24 family and friends were admired by others; and

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mayor Oswalt will long be remembered
26 for his love of family and friendship and for his public service 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 Mayor Willie Oswalt and
30 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 appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Mayor Willie Oswalt.