

House Resolution 1268

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

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Eugene H. Russell III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Eugene H. Russell III was born on February 23, 1944, in Juniper, Georgia, to
3 Eugene Russell, Jr., and Viola Russell and this year he enjoys the rare distinction of
4 celebrating his 80th birthday; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he graduated as salutatorian from Central High School, then graduated from
6 Albany State University and Georgia State University with his master's degree; and
- 7 WHEREAS, while at Albany State, he participated in the Civil Rights Movement and met
8 his late wife, Betty Ousley Russell; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army as a medic, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
11 the Korean War; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he is a former high school chemistry teacher in Fulton County and he is a
13 certified chemist and worked as a medical technologist for over 50 years in the medical
14 laboratory at Southwest Hospital and at Georgia Baptist; and

15 WHEREAS, he opened the first black owned medical laboratory in the downtown Atlanta
16 area; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is an ordained deacon through his hard work
18 and dedication within the church; and

19 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he has demonstrated have provided
20 the foundation of success from which his family members have developed and flourished,
21 as evidenced by his three wonderful children, Eugene IV, Chandra, and Tania; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2022, he married Luevenia Russell and they both reside in Sharpsburg,
23 Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, a kind and generous person, he brings joy and happiness to his family and to
25 the many friends and neighbors who have the great pleasure of knowing him; and

26 WHEREAS, he has witnessed a dramatic change in the world over the course of his lifetime
27 and we salute his contribution to its progress by his own hard work and good citizenship; and

28 WHEREAS, by the example he has made of his life, he makes this world a better place in
29 which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized during this
30 very special and memorable time.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Eugene H. Russell III for his unselfish, dedicated, and
33 loving service to the members of his family and his community and state; congratulate him

34 on the remarkable occasion of his 80th birthday; and extend their most sincere best wishes
35 for continued health and happiness.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
38 Eugene H. Russell III.