

House Resolution 1285

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Edgar "Ola" Lewis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Edgar "Ola" Lewis was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, where he was
3 raised Catholic; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his early life was fraught with misconceptions and confusion, but he found
5 clarity through the teachings of Islam and soon converted to follow the Muslim faith; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ola had a burning desire to help young people find their passion, and worked
7 with them to build a foundation of support and to help them work toward their individual
8 dreams and aspirations; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he worked quietly in politics and had strong beliefs in how political systems
10 should work to benefit all people, especially children, elders, and the chronically
11 disenfranchised population; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in addition to his passion for protecting children and the elderly, Ola was an
13 avid jazz fan and art lover; and

14 WHEREAS, he painted, played the flute and keyboard, learned photography, and was a
15 homegrown philosopher; and

16 WHEREAS, he worked as a Longshoreman until he no longer had the strength to perform
17 his job's duties, but he never stopped working with young people or creating positivity
18 throughout his community; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Edgar "Ola" Lewis for his efficient,
23 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Edgar "Ola" Lewis.