

House Resolution 1324

By: Representative Jones of the 91<sup>st</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne; 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 Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne on December 2, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lowell was born on May 1, 1960, in St. Andrew, Jamaica, a beloved son of  
5 Mavis and Ephraim Hawthorne; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Lorna, and was blessed with  
7 four remarkable children, Haywood, Omar, Monique, and Daren; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lowell migrated to the United States with his family in 1981, where he found  
9 employment as an accountant with the New York Police Department and eventually opened  
10 a bakery in 1989, which soon gave birth to other outlets in the New York metropolitan area;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, he received an associate's degree from Bronx Community College, a bachelor's  
13 degree in business administration from Lehman College, was conferred with an honorary  
14 doctor of letters degree by Medgar Evers College for his outstanding contributions to the  
15 community, and was also conferred with an honorary doctor of laws degree by the University  
16 of the West Indies; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was the president and chief executive officer of Golden Krust Caribbean  
18 Bakery and Grill, which is the nation's largest Caribbean franchise chain; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he was bestowed with many prestigious awards on behalf of his entrepreneurial  
20 prowess, was named the *Jamaica Observer's* Business Leader of the Year for 2010, was a  
21 sought-after motivational speaker, and served on many company executive boards; and

22 WHEREAS, he completed an autobiography entitled *The Baker's Son* and was featured on  
23 the Emmy Award-winning reality show, "Undercover Boss"; and

24 WHEREAS, the Mavis and Ephraim Hawthorne Golden Krust Foundation was named in  
25 honor of Lowell's late parents and has awarded over 300 scholarships to aspiring students in  
26 both the United States and Jamaica since 2005; and

27 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
29 made this world a better place in which to live; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Lowell will long be remembered for his  
31 love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing  
32 him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lowell Fitzgerald  
35 Hawthorne and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

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 the  
38 family of Lowell Fitzgerald Hawthorne.