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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ford Clemons Greene; 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 Ford Clemons Greene on January 25, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ford was born on February 23, 1944, in Springfield, Ohio, a beloved son of
- 5 William and Mary Greene; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
- 7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam
- 8 War and strategically aiding his fellow Americans from Fort Monroe, Virginia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Ford academically exceeded expectations and became one of the first African
- 10 Americans accepted into the Georgia Institute of Technology after enduring a strenuous
- 11 admission process, including entrance exams and portfolios; and
- WHEREAS, during his professional career, he worked for 20 years with the International
 Business Machine Company, culminating in his position as director in commercial systems
 organization; after retiring, he continued to share his knowledge as a consultant with various
 engineering and information technology firms; and
- WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Frankie Greene, and was blessed
 with two remarkable children, William and Brandi, and three wonderful grandchildren,
 Lorenzo, Loren, and Brenna; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
- 20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
- 21 family and friends were admired by others; and

- 22 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 23 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
- 24 made this world a better place in which to live; and
- 25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Ford will long be remembered for his love
- 26 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
- 27 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 Ford Clemons Greene 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 an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
- 33 family of Ford Clemons Greene.