

House Resolution 1452

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74th, Scott of the 76th, and Burnough of the 77th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Wesley Jones, Jr.; 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 James Wesley Jones, Jr., on February 16, 2018; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James was born on March 11, 1950, in Oakland, California, and moved to
5 Atlanta at a very young age where he grew up in the city's Fourth Ward; 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 for two years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a doting father and grandfather, James was united in love and marriage to his
9 wife, Ramona, and they were blessed with six remarkable children; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
11 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
12 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his deep love of the Frank Bailey Senior Center in
14 Clayton County, where he worked on many important projects that enhanced the lives of
15 others at the center; and
- 16 WHEREAS, also known to many as "Mr. Bid Wiz" and "Jimmy," as a young man James was
17 a musician and entertainer, forming a high school singing group, "The Contacts," which
18 performed at local venues, opening for such acts as Gladys Knight and the Pips and the
19 Dells; and

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of James Wesley Jones, Jr.,
27 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of James Wesley Jones, Jr.