

House Resolution 1630

By: Representatives Cooper of the 43rd and Oliver of the 82nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Joseph Bona; 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 Dr. Joseph Bona on June 1, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Bona was born in Rockford, Illinois, a beloved son of Nicholas and
5 Rosalba Silvana Bona; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as the CEO and chief medical officer of the DeKalb Community
7 Service Board, a provider of mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability
8 services to citizens of DeKalb County; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a highly revered member of the medical community, Dr. Bona was a
10 Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, member of the American
11 College of Psychiatrists, past president of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association
12 (GPPA), and recipient of the GPPA 2016 Psychiatrist of the Year award; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Laura, and was blessed with a
14 remarkable daughter, Olivia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Bona will long be remembered and recognized by the Georgia Psychiatric
19 Physicians Association and the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards for the
20 enduring mark left by his legacy of service; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Joseph Bona will long be remembered
25 for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Joseph Bona and
29 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Dr. Joseph Bona.