

House Resolution 1703

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th and Cannon of the 58th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Marshall Rancifer; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Marshall Rancifer was born on August 13, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois, and came
3 to Atlanta with his parents in 1957, where he attended E. R. Carter Elementary School; and

4 WHEREAS, as he grew to adulthood, Marshall fell into a troubled life, developing a drug
5 addiction and, in 1997, he committed himself to St. Jude's Recovery Center for treatment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, after recovering from his drug addiction, Marshall made a promise to himself
8 to help those in need, and in 2009 he acquired state certification to perform HIV testing; he
9 now travels across Atlanta testing individuals where other state testers infrequently venture;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, since 1998, he has helped 2,872 people get off the streets and has aided more
12 than 1,000 primarily homeless drug addicts gain access to detox treatment programs; each
13 year, Marshall and his wife Lisa distribute some 10,000 condoms, dental dams, and female
14 condoms to those in need; and

15 WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Marshall and his wife went from
16 feeding 600 people to 1,800 weekly, and they distributed nearly 3,200 flyers to warn the
17 city's unsheltered population about the virus; their ongoing work to serve the most vulnerable
18 populations in Atlanta comes from their hearts and out of their own pockets; and

19 WHEREAS, through the work and leadership of Marshall and Lisa, the Justice for All
20 Coalition provides free HIV and hepatitis C testing, hot meals, sack lunches, IDs, MARTA
21 transportation, clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, shoes, socks, air mattresses, tents, chemical
22 hand warmers, and more to those in need; and

23 WHEREAS, this outstanding individual has had a tremendous impact on his community
24 through his spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life for Atlanta's vulnerable
25 populations; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 extraordinary individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Marshall Rancifer for his tireless work on behalf of
30 those in need and extend sincere best wishes for continued success.

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
33 Marshall Rancifer.