

House Resolution 175

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas Garvin, 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 Thomas Garvin, Jr., on January 18, 2017; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Thomas Garvin, Jr., was born on September 5, 1945, in Charleston, South
5 Carolina, a beloved son of Thomas, Sr., and Lucille Garvin; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
8 Vietnam War, and was even presented with the Purple Heart Award; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who committed his life to Christ at a young
10 age, Thomas was an active member of Believers Bible Christian Church; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, O'keema, and was blessed with
12 three remarkable children, Tokori, Dannie, and the late Thomasina, and three wonderful
13 grandchildren; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Thomas gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep
15 concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
16 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Thomas will long be remembered for his
21 love of family and friends and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing
22 him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas Garvin, Jr., and
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Thomas Garvin, Jr.