

## House Resolution 217

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173<sup>rd</sup>, LaHood of the 175<sup>th</sup>, Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>, Tankersley of the 160<sup>th</sup>, and Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Milton C. Gardner, Jr.; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Reverend Dr. Milton C. Gardner, Jr., on December 17, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Gardner was born on June 20, 1935, in Albany, Georgia, a beloved  
6 son of Reverend Milton C. Gardner, Sr., and Kathleen Weaver Gardner; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Reverend Gardner was involved with the  
8 ministry for more than 60 years; he was ordained at age 19 and demonstrated his  
9 commitment to teaching the Gospel and witnessing Christ through word and deed as the  
10 spiritual leader of several congregations and in many different capacities; and

11 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Nancy, and was blessed with  
12 four remarkable children, Kathy, Karen, Kim, and Karla; nine wonderful grandchildren; and  
13 12 beloved great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Gardner gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and  
15 deep 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, Reverend Gardner will long be  
21 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
22 had the great fortune of knowing 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 Reverend Dr. Milton C.  
25 Gardner, Jr., and 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 Reverend Dr. Milton C. Gardner, Jr.