

House Resolution 251

By: Representative Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the accomplishments of George Edward Simmons Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Honorable George Edward Simmons Sr. was born on December 2, 1940,
3 to Elder Simmons Jr. and Laura Pearl Jackson Simmons; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was the first African American to be appointed to the position of mayor of
5 the City of Tennille, Georgia, in Washington County, serving from 2008 until his health
6 declined; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as mayor pro tem prior to his appointment to mayor; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was the sixth of seven children, including Rudolph, Marion, James, Charlie,
9 Annie, and Shirley; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a 1958 graduate of Thomas Jefferson Elder High School who married
11 Retha Wilson Simmons; and

12 WHEREAS, he fathered nine children, Deborah Simmons Butts, Tony Simmons Sr., George
13 Simmons Jr., Carl Simmons, Stanley Simmons, Tonjineal Simmons, Denise Simmons Hales,
14 Ricardo Simmons, and Jameika Simmons; and

15 WHEREAS, he was employed for 38 years at Washington County EMC in Sandersville,
16 Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, he served faithfully as a deacon at Tennille Grove Baptist Church for most of
18 his adult life; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a life member of Elijah Masonic Lodge 194 in Harrison, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he lived life to the fullest, brought much joy to others, and loved all of his
21 grandchildren unconditionally.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body honor George Edward Simmons Sr. during Black History Month
24 for his many accomplishments.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
27 George Edward Simmons Sr.