

House Resolution 262

By: Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Beverly of the 143rd, Kendrick of the 95th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Frye of the 122nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending John Hope Bryant; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Hope Bryant is an American entrepreneur, thought leader, and
3 philanthropic leader who has been referred to as the Conscience of Capitalism by the CEOs
4 of Delta Air Lines, Walmart, First Republic Bank, and countless other businesses; and

5 WHEREAS, he is the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Operation HOPE
6 Inc., the largest not-for-profit and best-in-class provider of financial literacy, financial
7 inclusion, and economic empowerment tools and services in the United States for youth and
8 adults; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2020, Operation HOPE became the largest financial literacy organization in
10 America with more than 200 HOPE Inside offices in 46 states, and Promise Homes became
11 the largest minority-controlled single family home rental company in the nation by the
12 summer of 2021; and

13 WHEREAS, Bryant's founded organizations have provided more than \$3.5 billion in capital
14 for the underserved over the past 30 years, and by the end of 2022, Bryant's 1 Million New
15 Black Businesses Initiative (1MBB), which was launched in October 2020, had already

16 created more than 150,000 new Black businesses and counting; an amount equal to 5 percent
17 of all Black businesses in America; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to being honored by organizations across the state for his influential
19 impact on the community, five former United States presidents have recognized his work and
20 he has served as an advisor to three sitting United States presidents from both political
21 parties; and

22 WHEREAS, during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bryant was called upon by United
23 States Treasury officials to help design, develop, and launch the Payroll Protection Program,
24 which helped countless American small businesses and entrepreneurs survive the 2020 to
25 2022 pandemic period; and

26 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize and commend John Hope Bryant for his efficient,
32 effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and this nation and extend
33 best wishes for future health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to John
36 Hope Bryant.