

House Resolution 325

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Beverly of the 143rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Thomas of the 39th, Bazemore of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Haroun Shahid Wakil; 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 Haroun Shahid Wakil on February 25, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Haroun Shahid Wakil diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
5 of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as
6 evidenced by his superlative service as the founder of Street Groomers, an organization
7 composed of young black men dedicated to ensuring community safety with plans to launch
8 enterprises, programs, and projects to positively transform the lives of Atlanta youth and
9 areas they patrol; and
- 10 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big Haroun," he was a strong-willed, caring, and
11 knowledgeable servant-leader in The Bluff, West End, and Southwest Atlanta communities;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, a proud member of the community, he supported the March for Our Lives
14 Atlanta event in 2018, tirelessly participated in the W-Underdogs' community support in

15 2017, and diligently worked toward the increase in transparent WAOK radio messaging in
16 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, he further served as a strong advocate for change through legislation and
18 understood the significance of the real-time impact caused by legislative changes, focusing
19 heavily on topics related to child services, school safety, homelessness, bail reform, and
20 others; and

21 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
23 family and friends were admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
26 made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Haroun Shahid Wakil will long be
28 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
29 had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Haroun Shahid Wakil and
32 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Haroun Shahid Wakil.