

House Resolution 352

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Cantrell of the 22nd, and Gambill of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker; 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 Dr. Paul L. Walker on February 23, 2021, at the age of 89; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Paul L. Walker was born in Minot, North Dakota, a beloved son of Paul H.
5 and Margaret Walker; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is best known for his nearly 40 year
7 leadership as the senior pastor of Mt. Paran Church of God in Atlanta, leading the church to
8 become one of the most prominent and progressive congregations in the city, nation, and
9 world; and
- 10 WHEREAS, following his tenure at Mt. Paran Church of God, he served with honor and
11 distinction in various leadership roles within the Church of God from 1996 to 2008; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he earned numerous awards and commendations for his dedication to
13 excellence, including the Church of God Theological Seminary 2002 Leadership Award, the

14 Presbyterian College Alumni Gold P. Award, the Georgia State University 1983-1984
15 Distinguished Alumnus Award, and more; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Walker was united in love and marriage to his wife of 68 years, Carmelita,
17 and was blessed with two remarkable sons, Mark and Paul; two wonderful grandchildren,
18 Justin and Ashten; and three outstanding great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Judah, and Levi; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who witnessed Christ through word and
26 deed, Dr. Paul L. Walker will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and
27 community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Paul L. Walker and
30 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Dr. Paul L. Walker.