

House Resolution 363

By: Representatives Bennett of the 94th, Mitchell of the 88th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and Alexander of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of James Garland Vance Sr.; 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 James Garland Vance Sr. on February 21, 2021; and
- 4 WHEREAS, James Garland Vance Sr. was born on August 23, 1939, in Douglasville,
5 Georgia, a beloved son of Julius Green and Beulah Vance; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army for one year and was given a medical discharge due to his mother's critical
8 illness, serving the rest of his military obligation with the United States Army Reserve Unit
9 before being honorably discharged on December 18, 1967; and
- 10 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith who witnessed Christ through word and deed,
11 James was an active member of Tranquil A.M.E. Church, where he served on the Usher
12 Board and was elected to the Trustee Board; and

13 WHEREAS, a voice for his community, he served from January 1979 to December 1980 as
14 a city councilperson, where he championed better opportunities for all and began several
15 projects that he would continue to work on after his time in office; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of upstanding values who displayed a deep passion for serving his
17 community, he was honorably recognized as a Legend of Douglasville and was given the
18 keys to the City of Douglasville; and

19 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ruth, and was blessed with three
20 remarkable children, Anita, Rosalind, and James Jr.; five wonderful grandchildren, Quiana,
21 Traymone, Jamario, Briana, and Deonna; and 14 outstanding great-grandchildren; and

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

25 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, James Garland Vance Sr. will long be
26 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
27 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 James Garland Vance Sr.
30 and 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 James Garland Vance Sr.