

House Resolution 631

By: Representatives Oliver of the 82nd, Ralston of the 7th, Smyre of the 135th, Pirkle of the 155th, Bennett of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Jeffrey Alan Parker; 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 Jeffrey Alan Parker, a beloved son of Walter and Jean Parker, on January
4 14, 2022; and
- 5 WHEREAS, an outstanding leader and steward of MARTA for nearly four years, he oversaw
6 the expansion plans in Atlanta and Clayton County and helped negotiate a new agreement
7 among its member jurisdictions that paved the way for a ten-year sales tax extension; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding passion for transportation, Jeffrey Alan Parker was
9 an advocate for transit expansion and understood that MARTA is more than just
10 transportation; it serves as connectivity for residents and visitors alike; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he was consistently recognized as one of Atlanta's most influential leaders,
12 most recently named among *Atlanta Magazine's* Most Powerful People of 2020 and *Atlanta*
13 *Business Chronicle's* Power 100: Most Influential Atlantans of 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Erin, and was blessed with two
15 remarkable children, Gabrielle and Isabella; and

16 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Alan Parker gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals,
17 and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and the devotion, patience, and understanding he
18 demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

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

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Jeffrey Alan Parker will long be
23 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
24 had the great fortune of knowing him.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Jeffrey Alan Parker and
27 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Jeffrey Alan Parker.