

House Resolution 654

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Glanton of the 75th, Waites of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Hiram Emory Little, 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 Hiram Emory Little, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hiram Emory Little, Sr., was born on March 31, 1919, in Eatonton, Georgia;
5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, he attended David T. Howard Elementary and Junior High Schools, becoming
7 a charter member of Troop 94, the first Boy Scout Troop in an African American school in
8 Atlanta; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, enlisting in the
10 United States Army Air Corps in 1941, training at the Chanute Air Force base in Rantoul,
11 Illinois, as an aircraft armorer in the Tuskegee Aviation Program, and serving as a part-time
12 instructor at the Cadet Ground School of the Tuskegee Army Air Base in Tuskegee,
13 Alabama; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1944, he graduated from bombardier school and was assigned to the 477th
15 Bombardment Group as a crew member on a B-25 bomber; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1945, he enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, to complete his
17 academic studies and was hired to work for the Atlanta U.S. Postal Service, becoming one
18 of the first African American supervisors in the Atlanta area; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he retired in 1978 from the postal service, and in 2005, at the age of 80, he
20 received a certificate in carpentry from the Atlanta Technical College; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2007, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President
22 George W. Bush; and

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

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

29 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Hiram Emory Little, Sr., will long be
30 remembered for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great
31 fortune of knowing him.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Hiram Emory Little, Sr.,
34 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Hiram Emory Little, Sr.