House Resolution 755

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 128th, Bruce of the 61st, and Williams of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1   Honoring William "Willie" H. Mays III; and for other purposes.

2   WHEREAS, Willie Mays III is the beloved son of the late William H. Mays II and Carrie J.
3   Mays, the first woman to serve on the Augusta City Council; and

4   WHEREAS, a graduate of T.W. Josey High School, Mr. Mays attended Gupton-Jones
5   College of Mortuary Science and Augusta College; and

6   WHEREAS, Willie is a third generation mortician and the owner of the W.H. Mays
7   Mortuary; and

8   WHEREAS, he has served as the youngest president and chairman of the board of the State
9   Funeral Directors Association, a board member of the National Funeral Directors and
10   Morticians Association, the Eighth District chairman of GFSPA, and a member of Epsilon
11   Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity; and

12   WHEREAS, in 1979, Willie became the second youngest person ever elected to serve on the
13   Augusta City Council at the age of 28, a position to which he was reelected on two
14   consecutive occasions; and

15   WHEREAS, he was elected to the Richmond County Board of Commissioners in 1990 and
16   commissioner at large of one of the two at-large super districts in the consolidated
17   government of Augusta-Richmond County, served three terms as mayor pro tem for the
18   Augusta-Richmond County Board of Commissioners, and was elected to serve as interim
19   mayor for the City of Augusta in 2005; and

20   WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
21   Georgian be recognized appropriately.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

23 the members of this body honor William H. Mays III for his contributions to his community

24 and the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to

27 William H. Mays III.