

House Resolution 817

By: Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Mitchell of the 88th, Boddie of the 62nd, Bruce of the 61st, Dreyer of the 59th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Larry M. Dingle; 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 Larry M. Dingle on February 6, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Larry M. Dingle was born on June 26, 1949, in Dillon, South Carolina, a
5 beloved son of Trumella Dingle and Montgomery McKenzie; and
- 6 WHEREAS, an agent for change, Larry was in the first class to desegregate the local high
7 school in his hometown, and upon graduating, he pursued higher education at Morehouse
8 College before transferring to Georgia State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree
9 in 1974; and
- 10 WHEREAS, while working his way through college, Larry served as a guardian of the City
11 of Atlanta as a police officer on the Crime Analysis Team as well as a city council clerk
12 under Atlanta's first Black mayors, Maynard Jackson and Andrew Young; and
- 13 WHEREAS, dedicated to bettering his community, Larry received a law degree in 1987 and
14 became a well-respected lawyer and partner at Wilson, Brock and Irby for over 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a leader in the practice areas of zoning and land use, land use litigation,
16 and local government law, spearheading prominent projects such as the Regent Partners'
17 expansion and redevelopment of Phipps Plaza into a mixed-use development; and

18 WHEREAS, Larry served as a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for Synovus
19 Bank, a member of the Board of Directors of Scicom Infrastructure Services Inc., and as a
20 member of the Board of Directors for Arts Bridge Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Larry was an active member of Impact Church
22 in East Point, Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Katherine, and was blessed with
24 four remarkable children, Rodrick, Joseph, Joice, and Tiffany; seven wonderful
25 grandchildren, Dillon, Evan, Maceo, Nigel, Mallory, Aleks, Eden, and Cameron; and three
26 spectacular great-grandchildren, Faithlynn, Raven, and Iefan; and

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

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

33 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Larry will long be remembered for his love
34 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
35 knowing him.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Larry M. Dingle and
38 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 family of Larry M. Dingle.