

## House Resolution 1240

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15<sup>th</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, and Oliver of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Ike Reece; 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 Ike Reece on March 21, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ike Reece was born on May 29, 1931, a beloved son of Andrew Patton and May  
5 McBryar Reece; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army in Germany after World War II; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Ike was ordained as a deacon in the 1960s at  
9 Pleasant Union Baptist Church in Dawson County, Georgia, which was founded by his  
10 great-great-grandfather, Reverend James Marion Reece, in the 1850s; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in 1982, Ike served as the Gilmer County coordinator for the Joe Frank Harris  
12 for Governor Campaign, dedicating innumerable hours of his time and energy alongside a  
13 handful of volunteers in order to secure Harris's appointment as the 78th governor of  
14 Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Luise, and was blessed with two  
16 remarkable children, Margitta and Wayne, as well as one wonderful granddaughter, Jamila;  
17 and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Ike will long be remembered for his love  
25 of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
26 knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ike Reece and express  
29 their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Ike Reece.