

House Resolution 1438

By: Representative Powell of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Walter James Gordon 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 Walter James Gordon Sr. on July 27, 2003; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Walter James Gordon Sr. was born on March 6, 1950, a beloved son of John
5 Lambert Gordon Sr. and Elaine Marett Gordon; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Hart County, Georgia, and a member of the Hart
7 County High School Class of 1968, where he was recognized as a STAR student and a
8 critical member of the debate team; and
- 9 WHEREAS, his extraordinary public speaking skills did not go long without notice as at the
10 young age of 15, he was asked to host a rock-n-roll music radio show called "The Willie G.
11 Show"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was accepted to Emory University after having won a Barkley Forum Debate
13 Scholarship, where he became a member of Emory's elite debate program and senior honor
14 society; and

15 WHEREAS, Walter James Gordon Sr. attended Antioch School of Law and graduated in
16 1976 before returning to serve the community of Hart County, where he often preformed
17 legal services free of charge to the churches and nonprofits; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Walter James Gordon Sr. was an active
19 member of Hartwell First Baptist Church; and

20 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Pam, and was blessed with two
21 remarkable children, Daniel and Walter Jr., as well as five wonderful grandchildren, Mary
22 Charlotte, Graham, Harry, Walter, and Stevie; 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, a compassionate and generous man, Walter James Gordon Sr. will long be
27 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
28 had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Walter James Gordon Sr.
31 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Walter James Gordon Sr.