

House Resolution 1556

By: Representatives Moore of the 91st, Crawford of the 84th, and Drenner of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the renaming of Shoal Creek Park III to The John Evans Legacy Park; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, John Evans is a proud native of Morristown, Tennessee, holding a Bachelor of
4 Science with Distinction in Business Administration from Mississippi Valley State
5 University, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Tennessee A&I State
6 University, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Atlanta University; and

7 WHEREAS, John enjoys a history of distinguished employment and profitable business
8 experiences, including roles as Accountant at Standard Oil of Indiana; Internal Auditor at
9 Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago; Business Manager at the Interdenominational
10 Theological Center and Atlanta University Center; Owner of Evans Exxon Service Station;
11 Instructor at Morris Brown College; Member of the MARTA Board of Directors; Board of
12 Trustees at Morristown Jr. College; and President of Evans Bookkeeping & Tax Services;
13 among others; and

14 WHEREAS, known for his community service, John has served as a community leader and
15 people person in the South DeKalb Community, holding positions such as President of the
16 DeKalb NAACP, Member of the DeKalb County Commissioners, Chair of the DeKalb

17 Community Development Council, Board Member of Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Chair
18 of the Fundraising Committee at the Southeast DeKalb Branch Butler St. YMCA, Member
19 of the Metro Atlanta Open Housing Coalition, and currently as the founder and Chair of
20 Project Lead – Leadership to End All Discrimination; and

21 WHEREAS, John is a United States Navy veteran, a proud member of Omega Psi Phi
22 Fraternity, Inc., and a faithful member of Ousley United Methodist Church; and

23 WHEREAS, John's awards include Atlanta's Missing & Murdered Children Faithful Service
24 Award, two Citizenship Awards from the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
25 for his contributions to civil rights and for outstanding and dedicated service, a Civil Rights
26 Living Legend Award from the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, and a Lifetime
27 Achievement Award from the DeKalb Branch of the NAACP, among others; and

28 WHEREAS, John is a former player in the famous Negro Baseball League with the
29 Indianapolis Clowns, which was one of the league's teams featured in the 1976 Macon &
30 Savannah filmed movie *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars & Motor Kings*.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body support the renaming of Shoal Creek Park III to The John Evans
33 Legacy Park in recognition of his decades of outstanding and dedicated service to the State
34 of Georgia and beyond.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 public and the press.