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House Resolution 179

By: Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Jones of the 62nd, Frazier of the 126th, Scott of the 76th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Horace Henry and inviting him to be recognized by the House
- 2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Horace Henry is an Atlanta based professional photographer who has been
- 4 taking pictures since 1969; and
- 5 WHEREAS, a native of Palmetto, Georgia, Horace is a college trained musician and worked
- 6 at his alma mater, Clark Atlanta University, after graduating, and later spent 15 years
- 7 traveling across the country as a professional musician and sharing the stage with artists like
- 8 Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, and The Isley Brothers; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1996, he became self-employed as a professional photographer, and with his
- 10 contributions to newspapers and magazines as a photojournalist and as a still photographer,
- 11 has been enjoying the pursuit of his true passion ever since; and
- 12 WHEREAS, his work has been featured in magazines, books, and news publications
- 13 throughout the country; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Horace is the first and perhaps the only photographer from the Atlanta
- 15 University Center, the City of Atlanta, and the State of Georgia who has photographs at The
- 16 Smithsonian Institution Museum that were taken at the first ecumenical service in honor of
- 17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Ebenezer Baptist Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1969, while at Clark College, Horace was able to attend and photograph the
- 19 first ecumenical service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Ebenezer Baptist Church,
- 20 and some forty years later, he brought his negatives from this event back to life and
- 21 published a book entitled *One Day in January*, which contains over 43 black and white
- 22 photographs and is believed to be the largest collection of photographs of this event in
- 23 existence; and

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24 WHEREAS, he gives inspiration to many through his devotion to his craft, his keen sense

- of beauty, and his commitment to preserving the integrity of photographs that are made
- 26 invaluable by the historic moments they capture; and
- 27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication of this creative and
- 28 enterprising individual be recognized.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 30 the members of this body commend Horace Henry on his impressive artistic career and invite
- 31 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
- 32 Speaker of the House.
- 33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Horace Henry.