

House Resolution 197

By: Representative Neal of the 74<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Samuel Clyburn Jr.; 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 Samuel Clyburn Jr. on March 20, 2020; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Samuel Clyburn Jr. was born on June 5, 1938, in Marion, South Carolina, and  
5 he moved to Washington, D.C., at the age of five, where he attended both Dunbar and Phelps  
6 vocational schools and graduated in 1954; and
- 7 WHEREAS, at the young age of 18, he enlisted in the armed forces of the United States and  
8 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, valiantly serving with the 82nd Air  
9 Bourne Division until 1957; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Julia, and was blessed with a  
11 host of many wonderful children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and
- 12 WHEREAS, over the years, Samuel received countless performance awards and honors for  
13 his efforts in preserving the art of hand dancing, one of his many passions; and

14 WHEREAS, affectionately known as DC Sam and Bid Wiz Card Champ at the Frank Bailey  
15 Senior Center, he loved to make friends and spread joy among the community through his  
16 hand dance performances, modeling, and in-home card parties; and

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

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Samuel Clyburn Jr. will long be  
21 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who  
22 had the great fortune of knowing him.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Samuel Clyburn Jr. and  
25 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Samuel Clyburn Jr.