

## House Resolution 36

By: Representatives Seabaugh of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Townsend of the 179<sup>th</sup>, DeLoach of the 167<sup>th</sup>, Sainz of the 180<sup>th</sup>, and Efstation of the 104<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on February 23, 2020, Ahmaud Arbery, a vibrant and promising young man,  
3 tragically lost his life in an incident that reverberated across Georgia and the nation, shedding  
4 light on the urgent need for racial justice and equality; and

5 WHEREAS, in the wake of this heartbreaking loss, Ahmaud's mother, Ms. Wanda  
6 Cooper-Jones, demonstrated extraordinary strength and resilience by founding the Ahmaud  
7 Arbery Foundation, transforming her personal grief into a movement for meaningful change;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation is dedicated to promoting racial justice,  
10 fostering youth empowerment, and creating stronger, safer communities through advocacy,  
11 education, and outreach programs; and

12 WHEREAS, the foundation's work includes efforts to bridge divides, support marginalized  
13 communities, and inspire the next generation to embrace inclusion, equity, and fairness; and

14 WHEREAS, through the foundation, the legacy of Ahmaud Arbery serves as a call to action  
15 for all Georgians to work toward a society where every individual can live with dignity,  
16 safety, and the freedom to pursue their dreams; and

17 WHEREAS, the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation has become a symbol of hope and progress,  
18 reminding us that even in the face of adversity, compassion and determination can drive  
19 meaningful societal change.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body recognize and commend the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation for its  
22 vital work in promoting racial justice and youth empowerment as well as its unwavering  
23 commitment to building a better and more equitable Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body extend their deepest gratitude  
25 to Ms. Wanda Cooper-Jones for her courage and leadership as well as honor the enduring  
26 legacy of Ahmaud Arbery, whose story continues to inspire change across the state and  
27 beyond.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 Ahmaud Arbery Foundation.