

House Resolution 661

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Petrea of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Richard Davis; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill and the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest
3 citizens and most passionate public servants; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the name Richard Davis was synonymous with Richmond Hill and Bryan
5 County for more than two decades; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Richard Davis became a part of Richmond Hill politics in 1962 when he went
7 door to door seeking signatures on a petition to incorporate Richmond Hill; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was first elected to the Richmond Hill City Council in November 1978 and
9 then elected to serve as mayor in 1989, a position he held for 21 years before retiring in 2010,
10 making him the longest serving elected official to date in the City of Richmond Hill; and
- 11 WHEREAS, as mayor, he provided distinguished leadership, made invaluable contributions
12 to the city, and influenced many lives with his positive attitude and deep commitment to
13 serving others; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Richard Davis was highly regarded by the residents of Richmond Hill
15 and seen as a visionary leader who fought tirelessly to do what is best for his hometown,
16 helping shape Richmond Hill into a thriving community where thousands of Georgians
17 choose to live, work, and play; and

18 WHEREAS, his legacy boasts a long list of accomplishments such as the beautiful J.F.
19 Gregory Park, which consists of over 300 acres of land enjoyed by thousands of people for
20 exercise, events, fishing, nature watching, playtime, and other activities; and

21 WHEREAS, under his guidance, the Great Ogeechee Seafood festival emerged as one of the
22 premier annual celebrations in the south, and it still draws a huge crowd every October; and

23 WHEREAS, Mayor Davis was instrumental in bringing the Bryan County Health and
24 Rehabilitation Nursing Home to Richmond Hill; he improved infrastructure in every area
25 from roads to wastewater, removed the long-distance phone call to the neighboring City of
26 Savannah, and more; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as mayor, he was a volunteer at the local food pantry, the
28 Red Cross, and St. Joseph's Hospital, as well as an active father and grandfather; and

29 WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill will always remember Mayor Davis' inspiring
30 commitment to the welfare of others and will forever be indebted to Mayor Davis for his
31 outreach, involvement, and sincere passion for making "The Hill" the best city in which to
32 live, work, and play.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Richard Davis and express
35 their most sincere condolences at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Richard Davis.