

House Resolution 986

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Bruce of the 61st, Prince of the 132nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Dexter Scott King; 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 Dexter Scott King on January 22, 2024; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on January 30, 1961, Dexter Scott King, the third child of Martin and Coretta
5 Scott King, was born and was named after the church where his father held his first pastorate;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, he attended Morehouse College and majored in business administration; and
- 8 WHEREAS, upon becoming chairman, president, and chief executive officer of the King
9 Center in 2005, Dexter articulated his vision for his father's legacy: "Our main goal is to
10 educate the public about, and to perpetuate and promote, my father's message of nonviolence
11 to people around the world"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he also pursued a career in media and entertainment and starred in and produced
13 films, records, and television specials concerning the civil rights movement; and

14 WHEREAS, *Ebony* magazine has featured him in its "100 Most Influential Black
15 Americans" lists; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Leah Weber King; 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 he will be greatly missed.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Dexter Scott King and
22 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Dexter Scott King.