

House Resolution 1302

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, DeLoach of the 167th, Hugley of the 141st, and Jackson of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of The Honorable Virgil Marcus Jones Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Virgil Marcus Jones Sr. on February 26, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Virgil Marcus Jones Sr. was born in Freedman Grove, Georgia, a beloved son
6 of Maxie R. Jones Jr. and Margaret Baker Jones; and

7 WHEREAS, first educated in the Liberty County School System, he graduated from the
8 Bradwell Institute in 1982, where he was a proud member of the varsity basketball team, and
9 went on to attend Morris Brown College as well as Georgia State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Virgil Marcus Jones Sr. served the public as a clerk at the Liberty County Tax
11 Commissioner's Office for seven years, and in January 2005, he became the first African
12 American male to hold the position of Liberty County tax commissioner; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he was an active member of St. James AME
14 Church, where he served as trustee, finance steward, member of the Gospel Choir and the
15 Male Choir, and youth advisor; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Felicia Jemison, and was blessed
17 with two remarkable children, Lyndsay Maria and Virgil Marcus; and

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

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Virgil Marcus Jones Sr. will long be
25 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
26 had the great fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Virgil Marcus Jones Sr.
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Virgil Marcus Jones Sr.